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PHILLIPS ACADEMY ATHLETIC RECORDS

2014-2015

Team Captains 2014-15

Fall Team Captains

Cross Country Boy	Ethan McIntosh
Cross Country Girl	Anoush Shehadeh
Field Hockey	Eva Toffoloni
Football	Robert Needham
Soccer Boy	Dylan Mott
	Josh Murphy
Soccer Girl	Elizabeth Kemp
	Alex Thomas
	Kinsey Yost
Volleyball Girl	Annette Bell
	Erica Shin
Waterpolo Boy	Nicholas Faulkner
	Marc Sevastopoulo

Winter Team Captains

Basketball Boy	Eric Alperin
Basketball Girl	Cara Cavanaugh
Hockey Boy	Kyle Moss
	Erik Wurman
Hockey Girl	Anna Fucillo
	Elizabeth Kemp
	Eliza Quigley
Nordic Skiing	Paxton Hyde
Squash Boy	Michael Huang
Squash Girl	Madeleine Mayhew
Swimming Boy	Alex Li, Aaron Teo
Swimming Girl	Elizabeth Duserick
	C. Soubie Im
Track Indoor Boy	John Gorton
Track Indoor Girl	Charlie Jarvis
Wrestling	Alyssa Augustin
	Justin Muchnick

Spring Team Captains

Baseball	Tim Salvadore
	Thomas Lane
	Matt Hosman
	John Festa
Cycling	Liana Margolese
	Nicolas Swenson
Crew Boys	Benjamin Hawley
	Marc Sevastopoulo
Crew Girls	Elizabeth Kemp
	Qiqi Ren
Golf	Tyler Tsay
Lacrosse Boy	Tim Bulens
Lacrosse Girl	Caroline Garrity
Tennis Boy	Michael Huang
Tennis Girl	Camille Price
Softball	Ravenne Nasser
Track & Field	Nicholas DiAdamo
	Charlie Jarvis
Ultimate	Jack McGovern
	Jordan Swett
Volleyball Boy	Thayer Anderson
	Oliver Chernyk
Waterpolo Girl	Kelly Xia
	Sasha Newton

Co-Heads : Tim Bulens
Elizabeth Kemp

Fall Team Results

Cross Country Boys	4-1-0	2nd at Interschols
Cross Country Girls	9-0-0	
Field Hockey	15-1-0	
Football	3-5-0	
Soccer Boys	8-3-7	
Soccer Girls	10-5-3	
Volleyball Girls	11-5-0	Semi-finals lost to Choate
Waterpolo Boys	7-7-0	

Sport: Boys Cross Country

Year: 2014

Captains: Ethan McIntosh

Coach: Jeff Domina

Asst. Coach: Parick Rielly, George Heinricks, Dan Schneider, Mark Koolen-Starter, Stephen Kim

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Alfaro, Basil
Belser, Noah
Burnett, Thomas
Doran, Arthur
Gorton, John
Kakkar, Keton
Lapointe, Colby
Lee, Maxwell
McGovern, Paul
McIntosh, Ethan *
Peffer, Jacob
Ringer, Holden
Robert, BrianPaul
Skinner, Ralph
Sundaram, Kailash
Venigalla, Abhinav
Vitale, Tevis J.

Boys Cross Country
Schedule and Record

Record: 4-1-0

Date/Time	Opponent	Site	Type	W/L Score
9/27 @ 3:00 PM	N.M.H. Invitational	A	Tournament	2nd of 5 teams
10/5 @ 12:30 PM	Choate	A	Game	W 19-38
10/8 @ 4:00 PM	St. Paul's	H	Game	W 23-32
10/18 @ 2:30 PM	N.M.H.	A	Game	W 20-41
10/25 @ 3:45 PM	Deerfield	H	Game	W 15-47
11/1 @ 2:15 PM	Exeter	A	Game	L V 29-27, JV 32-23
11/9 @ 11:00 AM	Interschols	A	Championship	2nd of 15 teams

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Cross Country Boys
2014 Roster

Name	Yr	Hometown
Alfaro, Basil	2018	Charleston, SC
Arya, Tejasv	2015	Montvale, NJ
Belser, Noah	2016	State College, PA
Bishop, Sebastian	2017	Andover, MA
Brown, Ethan	2017	Bethel, CT
Burnett, Thomas	2015	Bedford, MA
Doran, Arthur	2015	Natick, MA
Emerson, Alexander	2017	Manchester, MA
Fawcett, Rudd	2018	New York, NY
Findlay, Reed	2018	Sudbury, MA
Golas, Jacob	2018	Hampton Falls, NH
Gorton, John	2015	New York, NY
Jonas, Avery	2016	Brooklyn, NY
Kakkar, Keton	2015	Port Washington, NY
Lapointe, Colby	2016	Kennebunk, ME
Lee, Maxwell	2015	North Reading, MA
Lee, Seung Min	2017	Seoul, KOR
Leibovitz, Alexander	2016	New York, NY
Levine, Daniel	2018	Lake Oswego, OR
McGovern, Paul	2015	Methuen, MA
McIntosh, Ethan *	2015	Lexington, MA
Murtagh, William	2018	Marblehead, MA
Newell, Isaac	2018	Lincoln, MA
Noble, Cyrus	2018	Falmouth, ME
Park, JongHo	2016	Seoul, KOR
Peffer, Jacob	2017	Andover, MA
Ringer, Holden	2017	Dallas, TX
Robert, BrianPaul	2016	North Reading, MA
Skinner, Ralph	2016	Lowell, MA
Stronov, Glib	2016	Kharkiv , UKR
Sundaram, Kailash	2015	Andover, MA
Tsai, David	2018	Natick, MA
Venigalla, Abhinav	2015	Lakeland, FL
Vitale, Tevis	2016	Bozeman, MT
Welch, Kyle	2018	Swampscott, MA
Wu, John	2017	Tokyo, JPN
Yusoontorn, Tas	2015	Samutprakarn,THA
Zachar, Cormac	2018	Concord, MA
Zaeder, Jeffrey	2018	Andover, MA
Zanazzi, William	2018	Andover, MA

* Captain

Coach: Jeff Domina
Assistant Coaches: Patrick Reilly, Dan Schneider

Boys Cross Country

9/27/2014
N.M.H. Invitational
Tournament
2nd of 5 teams
Varsity boys finish a close 2nd behind Exeter

The Andover Boys' Cross Country team began its competitive season on Saturday at the N.M.H. Invitational. Unseasonably high temperatures reached well into the 80's to make this tough course even tougher, but the Big Blue rose to the occasion and ran two very strong races. Sidi Abdoulaye and Estevan Velez, both of N.M.H., ran beautifully on their home course, in spite of the heat, to finish 1st and 2nd, and they were followed by Exeter's excellent Quincy Tichenor for 3rd. Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 finished 1st for Andover and 4th overall in a time of 17:25. Loomis brought in two runners before Andover's Paul McGovern '15 and Ralph Skinner '16, and then first place was claimed by the Exeter team with their 2nd through 5th finishing all in a row. Andover's varsity squad was completed by Tom Burnett '15, Arthur Doran '15, John Gorton '15, and Keton Kakkar '15. Varisty team scores: Exeter 45, Andover 50, Loomis 58, N.M.H. 66, and K.U.A. 155. Andover came came back to win the JV race. Loomis and Exeter brought in a runner apiece before Andover's Basil Alfaro '18 crossed the finish line in 19:46. Abhinav Venigalla '15, Holden Ringer '17, Colby Lapointe '16, and Kailash Sundaram '15 finished 7th through 10th, respectively, to round out the Blue's scoring five. Andover's other JV finishers included BrianPaul Robert '16, Tevis Vitale '16, and Sebastian Bishop '17. JV team scores: Andover 37, Exeter 40, Loomis 76, N.M.H. 86, and Cushing 148. The Andover boys are back to work this week and looking forward to racing at Choate on Sunday.

10/5/2014
Choate
Game - Away
19-38
Andover and Choate split the wins

On Sunday, on a lovely fall afternoon, on Choate's fantastic cross-country course, the varsity boys raced to an exciting early-season victory. Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 ran well ahead of the field for most of the race and finished 1st with a brilliant time of 16:52, some 35 seconds ahead of the 2nd finisher, Choate's Aidan Gorman '16. A formidable Andover pack then took 3rd through 6th: Ralph Skinner '16 in 17:30, Paul McGovern '15 in 17:33, John Gorton '15 in 17:46, and Tom Burnett '15 in 17:55. Choate brought in their 3rd and 4th before Andover's 6th, Basil Alfaro '18, crossed the line in an impressive 18:08. Arthur Doran '15 finished 7th for Andover in 18:51 and was followed by Abhinav Venigalla '15 in 18:59, Keton Kakkar '15 in 19:08, and Kailash Sundaram '15 in 19:09. Andover wins 19-38.

Ten more Andover runners took the line for the JV race. Colby Lapointe '16, running in his first dual meet, got out ahead and ran a steady, confident race to win in 18:48. Holden Ringer '17 finished 2nd for Andover and 3rd overall in 19:02. Although Choate brought in their 5th ahead of him, BrianPaul Robert '16 finished 3rd for Andover and 8th overall in a solid PR time of 19:12. Noah Belser '16 and Tevis Vitale '16 finished 4th and 5th for Andover in 19:22 and 19:55, respectively, and were followed by the rest of the JV squad: Alex Emerson '17 in 20:09, Ethan Brown '17 in 20:59, Sebastian Bishop '17 in 21:01, JongHo Park '16 in 21:14, and Avery Jonas '16 in 22:00. Andover loses, 34-24.

Thanks to Choate for hosting a great meet! The Andover boys are looking forward to a home meet with St. Paul's on Wednesday.

10/8/2014
St. Paul's
Game- Home
23-32
Andover scores two wins against St. Paul's
After recovering from a Sunday meet at Choate, the Andover varsity and JV boys showed the benefits of an intense training week with two victories against a strong St. Paul's squad on a temperate Wednesday afternoon. In the first home meet of the season, Ethan McIntosh '15 ran away from the field to take first place in a time of 16:29. Finishing second after an exciting third mile, Paul McGovern '15 broke 17 minutes for the first time, crossing the line in 16:50. Trailing St. Paul's top two runners, Ralph Skinner '16 and John Gorton '15 both finished in 17:10, and following another two St. Paul's competitors, Tom Burnett '15 rounded out Andover's top five with a time of 17:33. Strong races from Colby Lapointe '16 (17:43), who made his varsity cross-country debut, Abhinav Venigalla '15 (18:31), and Holden Ringer '17 (18:54) bode well as the team moves into the second half of the season. Andover wins, 23-32. Keton Kakkar '15 and Kailash Sundaram '15 paced a large field of runners to claim the top two spots in the JV race in 18:45 and 18:58, respectively. PA runners then took 3rd through 8th places with great races from Max Lee '15 (19:10), BrianPaul Robert '16 (19:15), Noah Belser '16 (19:24), Tevis Vitale '16 (19:32), Reed Findlay '18 (19:35), and in a strong season debut, Jacob Peffer '17 (19:35). The Andover JV team competed well, running in pairs and in packs to push each other and continue the good work they have put in over the last few weeks of training. Andover wins, 15-50.

With the next race not for another ten days, the Andover boys hope to continue their training momentum while preparing for an away meet at NMH on October 18th.

10/18/2014
N.M.H.
Game - Away
20-41
Andover runners race to two wins at NMH
After ten days of strong training, the PA cross-country boys returned to racing with two wins in the combined varsity and JV race against NMH. Racing brilliantly against NMH's exceptional front-runner, Ethan McIntosh '15 finished second in 17:02, the fourteenth fastest time ever on NMH's hilly course. PA runners took the next five spots as Paul McGovern '15 (17:53), Ralph Skinner '16 (17:54), John Gorton '15 (18:15), Abhinav Venigalla '15 (18:42), and Tom Burnett '15 (18:46) pushed each other during the long stretches of fields and woods of the course. Returning from an injury suffered at Choate, Arthur Doran '15 trailed two NMH runners but held off two more to finish in a strong 19:05, rounding out the top seven. Andover wins, 20-41.

Benefiting from the good competition of the combined race, Keton Kakkar '15 (19:18) and Kailash Sundaram '15 (19:19) chopped off significant time from their races three weeks ago on the same course. Holden Ringer '17 and Jake Peffer '17 followed in 19:42 and 19:43, respectively, both running determined races after a heavy week of training. Noah Belser '16 and BrianPaul Robert '16 finished together in 19:50, and Tevis Vitale '16 came in soon after in 20:06. Max Lee '15 battled his way to a 20:15, and with an exciting final half mile, Jake Zanazzi '18 clocked in at 20:36. The rest of the JV squad followed: Ethan Brown '17 (21:09), Alex Emerson '17 (21:18), Alex Leibovitz '16 (21:21), JongHo Park '16 (22:26), Sebastian Bishop '17 (22:34), Isaac Newell '18 (23:10), Jeff Zaeder '18 (23:53), and Tejasv Arya '15 (26:46). Andover wins, 15-50.

The PA boys return to action next Saturday when they face Deerfield at home during Family Weekend.

10/25/2014
Deerfield
Game –Home
15-47

PA boys run to two wins on Family Weekend

With strong pack and pair running, the Andover boys overwhelmed Deerfield with strength and depth in a combined varsity and JV race on Saturday. Showing the benefits of a strong week of training to an enthusiastic home crowd on family weekend, the PA boys took the first five spots with Ethan McIntosh '15 once again leading the way in 16:18. Two pairs of PA runners followed. John Gorton '15 (17:05) and Paul McGovern '15 (17:06) pushed each other in the last mile and finished together while Colby Lapointe '16 (17:26) and Tom Burnett '15 (17:29) came in soon afterwards. Trailing Deerfield's first runner but right ahead of Deerfield's second, Arthur Doran '15 took seventh with a home course PR of 17:48. A thirty-second PR put Abhinav Venigalla '15 (18:00) in the top seven for Andover and in ninth place overall to round out the PA varsity squad. Andover wins 15-47.

The solid pack running of Max Lee '15 (18:18), Holden Ringer '17 (18:19), and Jacob Peffer '17 (18:19) paced the JV runners. They were followed closely by BrianPaul Robert '16 (18:26), Kailash Sundaram '15 (18:32), Keton Kakkar '15 (18:38), and Reed Findlay '18 (18:46), rounding out the scoring JV team. The rest of the Andover runners showed off the benefits of their serious training to the home crowd: Noah Belser '15 (18:58), Tevis Vitale '15 (19:14), Jake Zanazzi '18 (19:47), Ethan Brown '17 (19:51), Alex Emerson '17 (19:51), John Wu '17 (20:37), Sebastian Bishop '17 (21:12), David Tsai '18 (22:13), Will Murtagh '18 (22:13), Jeff Zaeder '18 (22:39), Tas Yusoontorn '15 (22:41), and Glib Stronov '16 (24:02) all ran well for PA. Andover wins 15-50. Next Saturday (11/1), Andover takes on a strong Phillips Exeter team on Exeter's beautiful home course.

11/1/2014
Exeter
Game – Away
V 29-27, JV 32-23

Andover loses close races to Exeter

Kicking off the Andover-Exeter festivities a week early, the Andover cross-country boys traveled to Exeter and ran well against a poised Exeter squad. Running a brilliant strategic race, Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 took the top spot and went under 16:00 for the first time, finishing in 15:49. Exeter got two in before Andover's second, John Gorton '15 (16:33), who made a strong final move to get ahead of Exeter's third. Paul McGovern '15 and Ralph Skinner '16 followed close behind, crossing the line together in 16:42. Andover's next pair, Colby LaPointe '16 and Tom Burnett '15, also ran well together, finishing in 17:04 and 17:06, respectively. Arthur Doran '15 (17:46) and Abhinav Venigalla '15 (18:00) raced to season-best times, rounding out the Andover varsity team. Exeter wins 27-29.

A large JV team traveled up north to compete in the final interscholastic dual-meet of the season, and most pushed themselves to season-best or career-best times. Jacob Peffer '17, continuing his incredible trajectory of improvement, finished as Andover's top runner with a PR of 17:57, trailing just two Exeter runners. Max Lee '15 (18:06), Keton Kakkar '15 (18:09), and Holden Ringer '17 (18:11) followed close behind, all running season-best times. Good pack-running by BrianPaul Robert '16 (18:25), Tevis Vitale '16 (18:26), and Noah Belser '16 (18:26) capped a strong showing by the scoring JV team. The rest of the JV followed: Kailash Sundaram '15 (18:37), Alex Emerson '17 (19:15), Jake Zanazzi '18 (19:25), Alex Leibovitz '16 (19:32), Sebastian Bishop '17 (20:07), John Wu '17 (20:07), Avery Jonas '16 (21:00), Jeff Zaeder '18 (21:57), Isaac Newell '18 (22:14), Glib Stronov '16 (22:26), Tas Yusoontorn '15 (22:42), and

Josh Lee '17 (22:46). Exeter wins 23-32. Andover varsity and JV runners look forward to the NEPSTA Division 1 Interscholastic Championships next Sunday, November 9, at Hotchkiss.

11/9/2014
Interschols
Hotchkiss – Away
2nd of 15 teams
Championship
Andover Boys Finish 2nd in Close Interschols Race
On a beautiful Sunday morning at Hotchkiss, the Andover cross-country team took the line for the 2014 NEPSTA Division I Cross Country championship, racing very well in competitive fields at both the varsity and JV levels. On the varsity side, captain Ethan McIntosh '15 closed his prep cross-country career with a brilliant race, taking third in 15:58 after battling with the top two finishers for the duration of the race. McIntosh, along with the top two finishers, raced faster than the course record of 16:23, which had stood for ten years. Running well together as they have all season, Ralph Skinner '16 (16:57) and Paul McGovern '15 (17:00) moved up several spots in the final half-mile, finishing 9th and 11th, respectively. Fighting through the last mile to cap a successful season, John Gorton '15 was Andover's fourth finisher and the 20th overall with a time of 17:16. Another pair of Andover runners, Colby LaPointe '16 (17:32) and Tom Burnett '15 (17:33), pushed each other to great races, and Arthur Doran '15 rounded out the varsity seven in 18:07. In an incredibly close race, Andover finished second of fifteen teams, just nine points behind an excellent Exeter team.
The JV runners continued the success for Andover, paced by Kailash Sundaram '15, who ran his fastest time of the season in the biggest race, finishing in 5th place with a time of 18:10. Following closely, Basil Alfaro '18 returned to racing after several weeks of battling injury with a brilliant 7th-place finish in 18:12. Jacob Peffer '17, recovering from early season injuries of his own, came in next for Andover in 18:22, taking 9th place. Max Lee '15 (18:28) and BrianPaul Robert '16 (18:30) rounded out the scoring five with great races, finishing 11th and 12th, respectively. Also running for the JV, Abhinav Venigalla '15 (18:43), Holden Ringer '17 (18:51), Noah Belser '16 (19:12), and Keton Kakkar '15 (19:28) ran well to cap successful seasons and help the JV Andover squad finish first of fifteen teams.

Both races featured outstanding performances and show promise for next year and beyond. The Andover runners and coaches thank all their supporters for their contribution to a wonderful season of cross country.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Run Over Choate and St. Paul's

Finishing two consecutive races in under 17 minutes, Andover Boys Cross Country Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 led the team to two exciting wins against Choate and St. Paul's this past week. On Sunday, Andover defeated Choate 19-38.

"Having a race under our belts contributed to the success we had at Choate. The first race is always a bit rocky because maybe you aren't quite sure how fast you should be running or where to pass your opponents," said McIntosh.

McIntosh finished first overall in 16:52 to become the first Andover runner to break 17 minutes this season. Ralph Skinner '16 completed the course next for Andover in a time of 17:30 to take third overall. Skinner's performance was 30 seconds faster than his time at Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH).

Paul McGovern '15 closely followed behind in 17:33 for a fourth place finish. John Gorton '15 and Tom Burnett '15 then finished in quick succession to complete Andover's top five. The top five completed the course within one minute of each other.

Basil Alfaro '18 and Arthur Doran '15 ran the race in 18:08 and 18:51, respectively, to round out Andover's Top Seven. Alfaro is the only Junior on the varsity team.

"I was pretty intimidated when my coach placed me in the varsity race, being a [Junior]," Alfaro said. The course at Choate included a few flat sections with many small inclines and one particularly difficult hill.

"The toughest part was near the two-mile mark, where it was a steep-hill climb up to a water tower, where we curved around with a long downhill run. At this part, I realized the hard part was done, and all that was left was to finish," said Alfaro.

On Wednesday, Andover defeated St. Paul's 23-32 points. Exeter previously defeated St. Paul's by only six points.

McIntosh finished in first place in 16:29, and McGovern came in second in 16:50. Skinner and Gorton both finished in 17:10 to earn fifth and sixth place, respectively.

Burnett, Colby LaPointe '16 and Abhinav Venigalla '15 followed to round out Andover's Top Seven in the race against St. Paul's.

Looking to the future, Andover hopes to work on speed in practices in preparation for Interschols, which is less than a month away.

"In the second half of the season, we have to close the gap between our second and seventh runners and move our pack forward. The runners are very strong, but we need to work on speed," said Head Coach Jeffrey Domina.

Andover hopes to maintain an undefeated record with a victory against NMH on Saturday.

Paul McGovern '15 finishes Andover's course under 17:00 for the first time in his career

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October 17, 2014
SPORTS

Andover Fights Breast Cancer, Keeps Undefeated Streak Alive

On Wednesday, in a quiet huddle before Andover Field Hockey's game, Head Coach Kate Dolan reminded her pink-clad players of the significance of the game against Middlesex. The two teams were playing a game for "Play for the Cure," an organization that raises awareness for breast cancer.

"[Kate Dolan] reminded us all that this game was about more than just field hockey, and there are much harder things that we will have to face in life than being hit with a ball or scored on," said Lila Dolan '15.

Andover Field Hockey went on to win the game 3-0. Coupled with a 3-2 victory over St. Paul's on Saturday, Andover Field Hockey remains Andover's only undefeated team this season.

The win against St. Paul's on Saturday presented multiple challenges. Lexi Davidson '17, a key midfielder and last week's "Athlete of the Week" in The Phillipian, tore a tendon in her foot and will probably be out for the next week.

"We lost [Davidson] in the first half, and I think we did a really good job of jumping back into it in the second half and working well without her and adjusting without her," said Eliza Quigley '15.

To add to the problem, St. Paul's pushed the ball down the field aggressively, and Andover found itself trailing in a rare late start, down 2-1 in the first half.

"We haven't had to come from behind a lot this season, so we played with a new sense of urgency," said Anna Fucillo '15.

Quick to adjust, Andover turned its offensive focus to passing and switching fields to force the St. Paul's defense onto its heels.

"We did a really good job of coming back and coming out on top," said Quigley.

Beth Krikorian '17 added, "We had good passing, moved the ball down the field well and used our back field when we needed to."

Except for letting two early break-aways through the line, the Andover defense played well, effectively stopping many of St. Paul's counter attacks.

"Our defense did such a good job intercepting their balls. We had to be really proactive and not wait for them to get the ball to defend because otherwise they just kept hitting it further and further down the field," said Nikoletta Toffoloni '15.

At the beginning of the season, Andover's defense gave up too many corners. On Wednesday against Middlesex, the team did not give up a single defensive corner, a testament to its improved ability to consistently clear its defensive zone.

Andover's offense entrenched itself in Middlesex's defensive zone, resulting in a shutout performance. "We kept the ball in the other team's end, which was really important for winning the game," said Hannah Cregg '16.

When Middlesex managed to push the ball into Andover's defensive zone, Andover quickly cleared the ball out to the sideline and up the field. This translated into several scoring opportunities for Andover.

"It was good how we got a shutout, and the defense did a good job clearing it out of the circle," said Elizabeth Welch '18.

At the final whistle, the game against Middlesex was exactly the type of performance the team needed after its close call against St. Paul's.

Andover Field Hockey hopes to continue its undefeated season against Northfield Mount Hermon on Saturday

Andover Field Hockey wears pink for Breast Cancer Awareness for their game against Middlesex School this Wednesday

October 24, 2014

SPORTS

Boys Race to First Place Finish at NMH

After ten days of vigorous training in practice, Andover runners claimed four of the five top finishes, sprinting to a 20-41 victory over Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) on an exceptionally hilly course last Saturday.

Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 led Andover's push, finishing in second place with a time of 17:02. His finish marked the 14th fastest time in NMH's course history, 23 seconds faster than his last race there on September 27 at the NMH Invitational.

Paul McGovern '15 and Ralph Skinner '16 continued to work together, with McGovern finishing in 17:53 and Skinner finishing in 17:54 to place third and fourth overall, respectively.

John Gorton '15 was close behind in 18:15 to finish fourth for Andover and fifth overall. Abhinav Venigalla '15, Tom Burnett '15 and Arthur Doran '15 rounded out Andover's Top Seven in 18:42, 18:46 and 19:05, respectively.

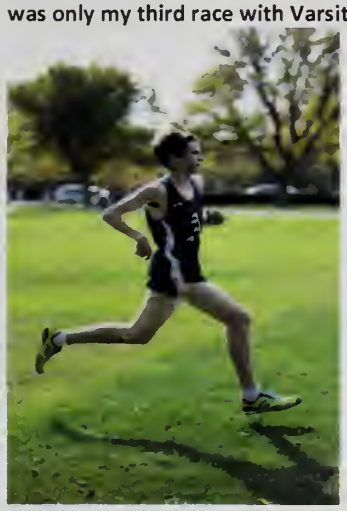
Venigalla's performance moved him from the top of the Junior Varsity runners to the top five runners on the Varsity team. Venigalla finished the course only 11 seconds slower than his personal record time of 18:31, which was set on a less hilly Andover course.

"I wasn't expecting to finish up front on Saturday, as it was only my third race with Varsity this year. It came as quite a surprise, as I ran over a minute slower at NMH earlier this season. It was a really exciting race, and I look forward to running on our home course on [Family] Weekend," said Venigalla '15.

After a slow start up the steep hill and a series of rolling woods, both Venigalla and Gorton moved past NMH runners in the stretch of the course in the woods. The two runners then caught Burnett and worked together through the remaining tough uphills. Gorton moved ahead towards the end to finish just 27 seconds faster than Venigalla and 31 seconds faster than Burnett.

Andover continued with difficult training this week. On Tuesday, the team ran five 1000-meter pieces with 75 to 90 seconds of rest between each piece.

Andover will look to feed off the energy from a larger-than-normal crowd for another victory this Family Weekend. A victory against Deerfield would be Andover's fourth this season and would allow the team to maintain an undefeated record. The race will also be the last home course meet for Andover's Seniors. The four-year Varsity Seniors on the team are Doran, McGovern and Kailash Sundaram '15.



Co-Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 finished the NMH course in 17:02, placing first among Andover runners

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"I wasn't expecting to finish up front on Saturday, as it was only my third race with Varsity this year. It came as quite a surprise, as I ran over a minute slower at NMH earlier this season. It was a really exciting race, and I look forward to running on our home course on [Family] Weekend," said Venigalla '15. After a slow start up the steep hill and a series of rolling woods, both Venigalla and Gorton moved past NMH runners in the stretch of the course in the woods. The two runners then caught Burnett and worked together through the remaining tough uphills. Gorton moved ahead towards the end to finish just 27 seconds faster than Venigalla and 31 seconds faster than Burnett.

Andover continued with difficult training this week. On Tuesday, the team ran five 1000-meter pieces with 75 to 90 seconds of rest between each piece. Andover will look to feed off the energy from a larger-than-normal crowd for another victory this Family Weekend. A victory against Deerfield would be Andover's fourth this season and would allow the team to maintain an undefeated record.

The race will also be the last home course meet for Andover's Seniors. The four-year Varsity Seniors on the team are Doran, McGovern and Kailash Sundaram '15.

Boys Race to First Place Finish at NMH R Andover Girls Volleyball defeated Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) in a 3-0 sweep this past Saturday for its seventh shutout of the season.Andover came out flat in the first set, allowing NMH to jump to an early 8-3 lead.

"Three of the seven starters had the PSATs that morning, so we were a little tired mentally. It is a long drive up to NMH, so coming off the bus and having to jump right into the game was tough," said Co-Captain Erica Shin '16.

Serves from Eden Livingston '15 brought the score to 8-8, and Shin followed with a dominant run of her own, bringing the team to a comfortable 15-9 lead. Andover continued to string points together, ending the first set 25-16.

Alex Becker '15 opened the second set with 11 straight served points, propelling Andover to an early advantage. The team maintained control throughout the duration of the set without letting NMH recover. Janneke Evans '18 and Darcy Burnham '18 came off the bench and were key contributors to Andover's dominant 25-9 victory.

"We really excelled in our serving in the second set. Becker's serves, in particular, were flawless," said Co-Captain Annette Bell '16, who had 23 assists against NMH.

"Once we got moving, we hit our stride and started working together more cohesively. Every point added to our momentum, and we stopped making silly mistakes," Shin added.

The team made more substitutions in the third set, allowing for players to get game experience in different positions. The new lineup featured Tiffany Bauman '16 setting, Evans and Claudia Leopold '18 blocking the middle, Franziska Trautmann '16 and Burnham hitting outside, Sydney Baumgardt '16 playing opposite and Shin as libero.

"[Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith] has been pushing us to work on different attacks, ranging from back row hits to faster pace balls in the middle and the outside. This has made our play stronger," said Bell.

Andover and NMH went toe-to-toe in the beginning until NMH took a 21-20 lead. Shin and Trautmann successfully served for the rest of the set, only giving up one point, to take the third set 25-22. "We played our strengths by hitting them with strong serves, staying scrappy and attacking with hard-driven hits," said Shin. "After we changed the lineup in the third set, our communication began to die, and we lost focus for two or three points. But once we regained focus, our communication picked up and we were able to finish out the set and take the win," said Bell.

With the win, Andover stands at 7-3 and is currently the fourth seed in its division. The team will face Milton, the current sixth seed, on Friday and Deerfield, the seventh seed, on Saturday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Reign on Home Course

Fueled by a large crowd of family and friends celebrating Andover's annual Family Weekend, Andover Boys Cross Country darted to a strong 15-47 victory over Deerfield. The race was the Seniors' last race on the home course. Andover's Seniors are Tejas Arya '15, Tom Burnett '15, Arthur Doran '15, John Gorton '15, Keton Kakkar '15, Max Lee '15, Paul McGovern '15, Captain Ethan McIntosh '15, Kailash Sundaram '15, Abhinav Venigalla '15 and Tas Yusoontorn '15.

With a home-course advantage, Andover runners swept the overall top five spots. McIntosh crossed the finish line first in a season-best time of 16:16. The time marked Andover's fastest this season.

Gorton and McGovern pushed each other through the final stretch to finish second and third overall in 17:05 and 17:06, respectively. Following close behind, Colby LaPointe '16 and Burnett finished in 17:26 and 17:29, respectively, both personal best times.

After Deerfield's first runner finished, Doran and Venigalla finished in 17:48 and 18:00, respectively, to round out Andover's Top Seven. Ralph Skinner '16 did not compete due to injury.

Andover's success comes on the heels of difficult speed work. The team focused on 1000-meter track repeats and fast-paced workouts this past week.

"I, along with several others, reached [personal records] mainly from the amount of work we had put in during a long week of track workouts and tempo runs," said LaPointe.

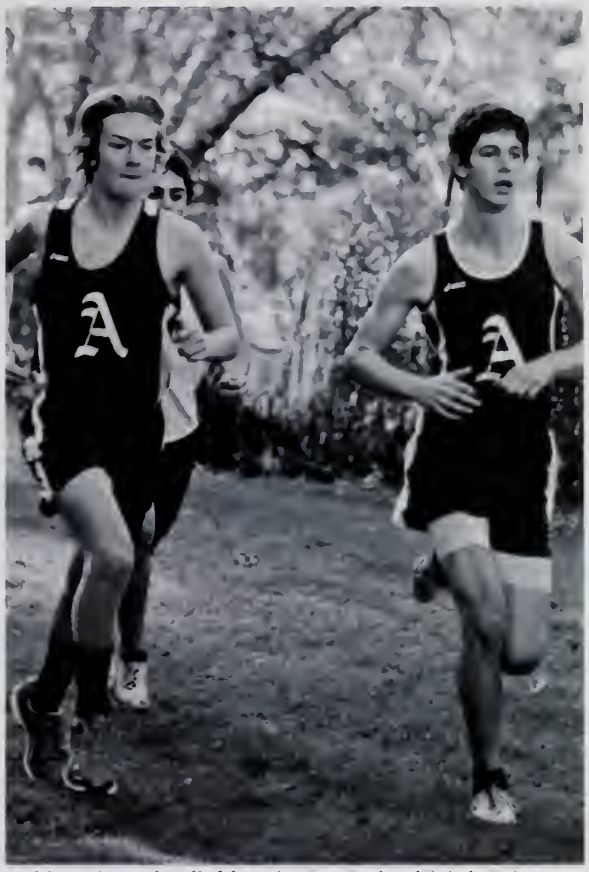
Andover's 5K course begins and ends on the Great Lawn. After crossing through the Great Lawn and the Pine Knoll, runners enter a 1.7-mile Cochran Bird Sanctuary lap. The lap includes a tough climb up to the Log Cabin and a steep ascent to the top of "Heartbreak Hill." Upon completing the Sanctuary lap, runners exit through the gates, cross the Knoll again and climb the hill to the Great Lawn. Runners are propelled for the last 600 meters and to the finish line by supporters on the Great Lawn.

Andover will begin to decrease mileage as it prepares for Interschols.

"We're going to work on how to run in a bigger, faster meet, and we're going to focus on staying healthy and rested so that we can perform at our best," said Head Coach Jeffrey Domina.

Andover will face rival Exeter on Saturday. If Andover wins, it will be the Seniors' first Andover-Exeter victory and Andover's first since 2010.

"Exeter fields a really strong team, and they always give us a good race. This year is no different. They have a lot of depth and good strength so it should be close. We run against them the week after as well in the Championship so it will be good to see how we match up to them and how the team improves," said Skinner.



Holden Ringer '17 (left) and Max Lee '15 (right) sprint towards the Sanctuary

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Embark on Quest to Take Championship Trophy from Exeter

Returning from a second-place finish at last year's New England Prep School Division I Cross Country Championship (Interschols), Andover Boys Cross Country hopes to bring home first place this coming November, led by a strong pack of experienced runners.

"Last year, Interschols was definitely the main highlight of the season for us. Everyone ran well and contributed to a second-place effort," said Ralph Skinner '16, who finished fourth for Andover at the Championship.

Although Ian Whittall '14, the 2013 season's top runner, graduated, this year's outstanding Senior class has more than enough talent to lead the team to a similar finish this year.

"This year, actually, I believe we'll be stronger. We graduated only two runners, and while they were at the top of our pack, given the huge number of athletes that we still have that we can develop this season, we're really looking for the win [at Interschols]," said John Gorton '15.

"[The Seniors] are notable for their talent as runners, their commitment to their training and their long experience on the team," wrote Head Coach Jeffrey Domina in an email to The Phillipian.

Last year, more than half of Andover's Interschols team consisted of members of the Class of 2015, who each finished in the Top 40, more than any other school at the meet. In addition to their exceptional running skill, these Seniors, led by Captain Ethan McIntosh '15, show the potential to be accomplished leaders who can guide the team to a successful season. In addition to McIntosh, the returning seniors from the Top Seven include Paul McGovern '15, Kailash Sundaram '15 and Tom Burnett '15.

"[The Seniors'] impact will reach beyond the scoresheet. Their leadership will make a big difference in the team camaraderie this year, creating a healthy atmosphere for growing as runners and people," said Skinner.

"As Seniors this year, a lot of our leadership has to do with maintaining [the success from last year], but we also need to make the team as inclusive as possible for the younger runners. In a year where so many of the stronger runners are older—so many of us are Seniors—it's really important that those younger athletes find a home now so that they can continue to run for the team in the years after we graduate," said Gorton.

The new underclassmen additions to the team have shown show great potential, and progress from the returning underclassmen runners will be vital to the team's hopes at Interschols come November.

"Our main goal, as always, is to see every member of the team, from the top of Varsity right on down through the training group, develop healthily and happily as an individual runner and as a contributor to the team," added Domina.

The team will kick off its season with an inter-squad time trial tomorrow in preparation for the team's first regular season meet on September 27 at Northfield Mount Hermon

Andover Boys Cross Country finished with a 2-3 record last season

Ralph Skinner '16 (left) and John Gorton '15 (right) will figure as important runners in Andover's Top Seven.

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BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Boys Falter in Nailbiter Race

Racing through slush and slippery slopes, Ethan McIntosh '15 ran the fastest time of his career en route to a first place finish at Exeter, breaking 16:00 for the first time. McIntosh's performance was part of a nail-biting 29-27 Andover Boys Cross Country loss to Exeter. Andover has lost to Exeter four years in a row, and the team's Seniors have never defeated Exeter in a dual meet. The loss also ended Andover's previously-undefeated season.

John Gorton '15 finished in fourth overall and set a personal record time of 16:33 on a flat Exeter course. Gorton passed two Exeter runners in the final half-mile of the race to make the dual meet competitive. Gorton's time is 33 seconds faster than his personal record time of 17:06. "Coming into the home stretch of the course, it became clear that we did not have enough runners to break up the pack of four Exeter runners in places two through five. I knew that I had to break up that pack in whatever way I could. Passing two Exeter runners in the final half mile allowed me to redistribute some points and secure a pretty big [personal record] as well," said Gorton.

Right behind Gorton and Exeter's third and fourth runners, Paul McGovern '15 and Ralph Skinner '16 finished together in 16:42. McGovern and Skinner set personal records as well.

McGovern said, "We weren't able to recover from Exeter's extremely fast start. There was a point early in the race where Exeter had runners two through six. We almost came back in the last mile but couldn't quite do it."

Next for Andover were Colby LaPointe '16 and Tom Burnett '15, who finished in 17:04 and 17:06 in ninth and tenth place overall, respectively. Arthur Doran '15 finished in 17:46 to round out Andover's Top Seven. Abhinav Venigalla '15 raced to an 18:00 finish.

The Exeter race course begins at the school's football field, takes runners into flat trails coupled with scenic fields and then returns back to the start. The course, which is flatter than Andover's course, supports personal records for Andover's runners. The runners, however, battled tough race day conditions of strong winds and rain.

Andover will look to avenge its loss to Exeter at the NEPSAC Division I Cross Country Championships (Interschols). Having increased in position at Interschols the past four years — seventh in 2011, fourth in 2012 and second in 2013 — Andover looks to take home the title this year.

Andover's runners will reduce their training load and focus on developing their packs in preparation for Interschols. Interschols will take place this Sunday at Hotchkiss. Although Andover will travel over four hours to race at Interschols, the difficult Hotchkiss course will favor

Andover's runners, who are experienced hill runners

Ralph Skinner '16 (left) and John Gorton '15 (right) both finished in the top ten.

SPORTS
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Boys Earn Second-Place Finish at Interschols

Supported by a third overall finish from Captain Ethan McIntosh '15, Andover Boys Cross Country took second out of 15 teams at the NEPSTA Division 1 Championships (Interschols) this past Sunday at the Hotchkiss School. McIntosh, along with the first and second overall finishers, broke the Hotchkiss course record. McIntosh's 15:58 finish was his second career finish under 16 minutes.

Despite McIntosh's success, Andover was unable to defeat rival Exeter, which won its fourth consecutive Championship. Andover fell to Exeter 60-69 after falling to Exeter 27-29 in a dual meet one week earlier. Andover last defeated Exeter in 2010 at Interschols.

"The team made steady progress throughout the season and peaked beautifully at Exeter and at Interschols. Both Varsity and JV ran great races on Sunday, but a first-rate Exeter team got just ahead of the Varsity Team. I'm proud of them all," said Head Coach Jeff Domina.

"While our goal was to beat Exeter in the Varsity race, we were still happy with the results. Exeter ran a great race, and their runners stepped up when they needed to," added Noah Belser '16.

Ralph Skinner '16, one of two Uppers on Andover's Senior-heavy roster, finished second for Andover and seventh overall in 16:57. The time marked Skinner's second career finish under 17 minutes. Skinner also finished under 17 minutes a week earlier at Exeter.

Paul McGovern '15 trailed Skinner to finish in exactly 17:00. McGovern, a four-year veteran, finished 12th overall for his highest career place at Interschols.

Indoor Track Captain John Gorton '15 moved up from behind to finish in the Interschols top 20. Gorton raced to a 17:16 time and a fourth position for Andover.

McIntosh, McGovern, Skinner and Gorton were named NEPSTA All-Stars for their top 20 finishes and will have the opportunity to compete at the All-Star Meet this weekend.

Tom Burnett '15 and Colby Lapointe '16 worked in tandem for 17:32 and 17:33 finishes, respectively.

Arthur Doran '15 rounded out Andover's Top Seven with an 18:07 time.

Among the Seniors Andover is losing this year is top runner McIntosh. The team will look to Skinner to fill McIntosh's shoes, much as McIntosh stepped up to take the place of front-runner Ian Whittall '14 last year.

"[McIntosh] leaves some pretty big shoes to fill. I think he's at least size 10," said Skinner. "He [also] leaves metaphorically big shoes from a performance standpoint. [McIntosh]'s times will be difficult to beat, but I'm already looking forward to the challenge. As long as I can stay healthy and committed over the next year, I hope to reach a similar level of success that he reached this fall. Also, I'll have some great teammates and coaches to help me reach my goals."

Andover Cross Country will also graduate four other Seniors: McGovern, Gorton, Burnett and Doran. Andover will look to Lapointe and JV runners Basil Alfaro '18, Jake Peffer '17, BrianPaul Robert '16, Holder Ringer '17 and Belser to take on Varsity spots and fill leadership roles.

"We were the only team at Interschols to race as many as five Seniors in the Varsity race, so being able to fill the spots left by [McIntosh] and the other Seniors will be difficult but not impossible," said Skinner.

Interschols marked the conclusion of Andover's season. The team will elect next year's Captain on November 18 as it prepares to chase down an Interschols victory next season for the first time in five years.

"I'm proud of all the guys on the team for all the hard work they put in the whole year. As a team, we're all really close. It was a good ending to the year," said Belser.

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CAPTAINS FEATURE

Ethan McIntosh '15

Cross Country since his first step on campus as a new Lower, Captain Ethan McIntosh '15 will bring his experience, passion and leadership to a tightly-knit team this season. In Andover's second-place victory last Saturday, McIntosh led the way with an overall fourth place finish and first place Andover finish with a time of 17:25 on a difficult Northfield Mount Hermon course. Originally a soccer player, McIntosh's Cross Country career started in middle school, and his love of the strong team bond has carried him through his past two years at Andover. "My [first] year, for the first part of the season our team definitely didn't have so much chemistry. It didn't really work until the end of the season when we eventually bonded. It helped a lot," said McIntosh. "Everyone runs their own race. All the interactions with [the] team are supportive rather than competitive and that makes for an awesome team dynamic."

When he was voted captain last Winter, McIntosh understood his role would involve more than just being a key runner on the team. "He is definitely a very reserved leader. He sets a good example because he tries to make sure that everyone on the team tries their best and participates. He is very good at incorporating the team into everything. He works hard to set an example so that the rest of the team can succeed," said Max Lee '15.

McIntosh embraced the challenge, "The most exciting part of being the captain [was] that role of getting to know everybody and really helping the team to bond," he said, "I had a lot of ideas for the team and a lot of things I wanted to do."

Teammate Paul McGovern '15 commented on McIntosh's progress at Andover, "He had a lot of running experience before he came here. He became a lot more confident after a really good interschols his lower year. After that he really came into his own. He makes sure everyone on the team is involved. He always offers everyone on the team to run with him on the weekends."

McIntosh holds Head Coach Jeffrey Domina as his role model. He described Coach Domina as focused, intense and selfless, all qualities that McIntosh hopes to emulate as Captain. Andover finished fourth in the New England Prep School Division in 2012 and first in the New England Prep School Division in 2013. McIntosh conjectures that team chemistry is directly correlated with its success in the end of the season interscholastic competition.

"Ethan is the best type of captain there is. He is encouraging without being overbearing and is always thoughtful with his actions," said runner Keaton Kakkar 15

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Sport: Girls Cross Country

Year: 2014

Captains: Anoush Shehadeh

Coach: Rebecca Hession

Asst. Coach: Elizabeth Meyers, Rachel Asher, Suzanne Torabi

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LETTER WINNERS

Augus, Lily
Bango, Carmen
Brokaw, Olivia
Cline, Gillian
Gearan, Jessica
Gudinas, Alana
Hunt, Marina
Jones, Michaela
Mcgovern, Peyton
Platt, Sharon Ruth
Rademacher, Grace C.
Ren, Qiqi
Shehadeh, Anoush
Smith, Lauren
Sweetser, Katherine
Tope, Parker R
Tso, Elizabeth
Yeh, Natalie C.
Zhang, Sharon J

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Cross Country Girls
2014 Roster

Name	Yr	Hometown	Name	Yr	Hometown
delman, Leah	2017	Hilton Head Island, SC	Laurentano, Julianna	2018	Lynnfield, MA
ugus, Lily	2016	Berkeley, CA	Lin, Samantha	2016	Scarsdale, NY
ango, Carmen	2016	Woodstock, VT	McGovern, Peyton	2016	Methuen, MA
erry, Charlotte	2015	Rochester, MN	Morona, Rosa	2016	Treviso, ITA
idwell, Brooke	2017	Santa Barbara, CA	Newton, Sasha	2016	Lafayette, CA
ragdon, Margaret	2018	Dover, MA	Oliva, Isabella	2016	Brooklyn, NY
rokaw, Olivia	2018	Locust Valley, NY	Platt, Sharon Ruth	2015	Eielson AFB, AK
hao, Michelle	2018	Lynnfield, MA	Rademacher, Grace	2018	Wellesley, MA
hilson, Eva	2018	Aspen, CO	Ren, Qiqi	2015	Portland, OR
line, Gillian	2016	Tampa, FL	Rooney, Morgan	2017	Duluth, MN
onchi, Emma	2018	Portland, OR	Schmidt, Mikayla	2017	Tyngsboro, MA
rmer, Juliette	2018	Orleans, MA	Shang, Margot	2016	London, GBR
rmisano, Eleanor	2017	Dedham, MA	Shehadeh, Anoush *	2015	Larchmont, NY
angi, Taryn	2016	Methuen, MA	Sherry, Anneke	2017	Holland, MI
earan, Jessica	2018	Lynnfield, MA	Simmons, Josephine	2017	Belmont, MA
udinas, Alana	2016	Atkinson, NH	Smith, Lauren	2015	Belvedere, CA
agemeyer, Hannah	2015	Gottingen, DEU	Sweetser, Katherine	2017	North Andover, MA
oang, Sophie	2018	Dallas, TX	Tang, Angela	2016	West Linn, OR
unt, Marina	2017	New York, NY	Teo, Ashley	2017	Singapore, SGP
nes, Michaela	2018	North Andover, MA	Tope, Parker	2016	Minneapolis, MN
suf, Emily	2016	Jericho, NY	Tso, Elizabeth	2018	Wellesley, MA
aufmann-LaDuc, Emma	2017	Andover, MA	Yeh, Natalie	2017	Shanghai,CHN
bbelski, Margaret	2015	Andover, MA	You, Yejin	2016	Seoul, KOR
bzol, Eliana	2018	Brookline, MA	Yun, Susan	2017	New York, NY
ramer, Anna	2016	Bedford Hills, NY	Zhang, Sharon	2016	Portland, OR
usakova, Nikol	2015	Kyjov, CZE	Zhang, Sophie	2017	Andover, MA
um, Kristy	2017	Tai Po, HKG			

* Captain

Coaches: Becky Hession & Nancy Lang
Assistant Coaches: Elizabeth Meyers, Rachel Asher & Suzanne Torabi

Girls Cross Country
Schedule and Record

Record: 4-1-0

Date/Time	Opponent	Type	Site	W/L	Score
9/13 @ 2:30 PM	Noble & Greenough	Game	A		CXL
9/27 @ 11:00 AM	Codfish Bowl 5K	Game	A	W	44 pts., 1st Place
9/27 @ 3:00 PM	N.M.H. Invitational	Scrim	A		finish 4th
10/5 @ 1:00 PM	Choate	Game	A	W	15-48
10/8 @ 4:30 PM	St. Paul's	Game	H	W	20-42
10/18 @ 2:30 PM	N.M.H.	Game	A	W	15-47
10/25 @ 4:15 PM	Deerfield	Game	H	W	15-46
11/1 @ 2:30 PM	Exeter	Game	A	W	17-42
11/9 @ 11:45 AM	Interschols	Championship	A	W	32pts

Girls Cross Country

9/27/2014

Codfish Bowl 5K
Game - Franklin Park, Boston
44 pts., 1st Place
PA Girls Win 33rd Annual Codfish Bowl 5k

Hot weather and a dusty course did not prevent Andover's girls from showing the strength of their pack against eleven college and club teams at the annual Codfish Bowl 5k in Boston's Franklin Park. Grace Rademacher '18, Michaela Jones '18, Petyon McGovern '16 finished 6th, 7th and 8th respectively. Carmen Bango '16 and Anoush Shehadeh '15 followed the front trio closely in 11th and 12th place for a total of 44 points. Sharon Zhang '16 and Parker Tope '16 finished with great speed for 6th and 7th places on the team. This year's first place finish is the first time the team has won Codfish Bowl. The girls look forward to the start of the league racing season when we head to Choate next weekend.

N.M.H. Invitational
9/27/2014
Scrimmage – Away
Varsity and JV both finish 4th
Veteran and New Runners Preview NMH Course

A large crew of runners headed to west to brave the challenging NMH course on a hot fall day. The varisty race was led by Lauren Smith '15, Olivia Brokaw '18, Alana Gudinas '15, Kristy Lam '17 and Susan Yun '17. A five-some of new PA runners represented the top team spots in the JV race. Congrats to Katherine Sweetser '17, Jess Gearman '18, Natalie Yeh '17, Hannah Hagemeyer '15 and Ashely Teo '17!

10/5/2014
Choate
Game –Away
15-48
Andover's Top Pack Finishes 5 Runners Strong

Twenty-one strong racers made the trip to Choate on a beautiful fall day. The girls ran well and continue to sharpen their pack running skills. From the starting line PA's top five of Anoush Shehadeh '15, Peyton McGovern '16, Carmen Bango '16, Michaela Jones '18 and Grace Rademacher '18 ran stride for stride and finished together in a time of 19:27.6. Choate's top runner finished 6th and was quickly followed by Sharon Zhang '16, Parker Tope '16 and Qiqi Ren'15. The tight pack awarded the team a 15-48 victory over Choate. While an official JV race is not scored, the PA team would have won with a perfect score of 15-50. We thank Choate's coaches and runners for a great meet and look forward to this Wednesday's home

10/8/2014
St. Paul's
Game -Home
20-42

43 PA Girls Race against St. Paul's

A splendid fall day in Andover was made even better by the terrific team performance against St. Paul's. St. Paul's top runner, S. Yates, pushed the pace from the starting line and won with an impressive 18:26. A strong pack of Big Blue runners followed shortly behind- Grace Rademacher '18, Michaela Jones '18, Carmen Bango '16, Peyton McGovern '16, Sharon Zhang '16, Qiqi Ren '15 finished 2nd-7th place to lead PA to a decisive win. While unofficial, the JV team scored a perfect 15-50 with all seven runners finishing within 90 seconds. Full results are listed in the attached PDF. Thanks to the St. Paul's coaches and racers for a great meet! The team now turns its focus to a strong race at NMH on October 18th.

10/18/2014
N.M.H.
Game – Northfield, MA
15-47
Pack Running Continues to Work for GXC
Nineteen runners traveled to NMH's beautiful course to take part in the annual meet. Andover's top pack of Peyton McGovern '16, Michaela Jones '18, Grace Rademacher '18, Anoush Shehadeh '15 and Carmen Bango completed their second 1-5 sweep of the season and secured the win for PA. Many runners improved their course bests from our race at NMH earlier this season. The full meet roster and results is attached below.

10/25/2014
Deerfield
Game – Home
15-46
Family Weekend Fans Support Fast Race With family and friends supporting Big Blue runners, the girls continued their undefeated season 15-46 over Deerfield. Twenty nine runners ran season best times! The top seven included: G. Rademacher '18,M. Jones '18, C. Bango '16, A. Shehadeh '15. P. McGovern '16, S. Platt '15 and S. Zhang '16. Thanks to Deerfield's coaches and runners for a great race. The regular season concludes next Saturday when the team travels north to Exeter.

11/1/2014
Exeter
Game – Away
V 17-4; JV 24-33
Varsity wins 17-42, JV wins 24-33
Wind, rain and chilly temperatures at Exeter proved no challenge to PA's pack. The team prepared well for this annual match up and ended their season undefeated. With a roster of 52 runners this season it has truly been a special team! The regular racing season concluded today and we turn our attention to next Sunday's Div. 1 NEPSTA Championships at Hotchkiss. Thanks to PEA for hosting a great meet

11/9/2014
Interschols – Away
Championship
Varsity 32pts, JV 25pts
Double Win at Interschols!
GXC thanks Hotchkiss for hosting a spectacular Interschols Championship meet! Nineteen runners represented Big Blue in strong fashion today. The top seven secured the first varsity win since 2010. The JV team continued is strong tradition placing first for the 14th time in the past fifteen years! Full results here:
http://www.coolrunning.com/results/14/ct/Nov9_NEPSTA_set3.shtml

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Seniors Set Foundation for Strong Team

Girls Cross Country will look to produce another strong season under the leadership of Co-Captains Evelyn Tackett '15 and Anoush Shehadeh '15.

In the 2013 season, the team put together a 5-1 record. Andover will look to go undefeated this year with all of its Top Seven runners—Shehadeh, Peyton McGovern '16, QiQi Ren '15, Sofia Barbosa '16, Sharon Platt '15, Sharon Zhang '16 and Alana Gudinas '16—returning.

Along with the impressive season record, the team placed third at Interschols last year. Shehadeh led the team to both of its successes, breaking four course records and winning Interschols with a time of 18:04. She currently holds six course records in the New England Prep School Division I.

Along with its talented returners, the team has many new faces to bolster its ranks. "The new runners are really quite experienced, and having a Co-Captain helps when you're getting to know everyone," said Shehadeh.

Course knowledge is an important part of posting good times, and since the majority of the team is returning, Andover will have an edge in many of their matches.

"There's definitely a system to running a 5k race, especially on our home course. Having a good base of returning runners is really important," said Anna Kramer '16.

The team started its preseason on September 3. The coaches designed an intense program that would push the runners to be in peak condition by the beginning of the season.

"We got to do running and strength work every day, which is nice because we don't have time to do that during the season. It was a really good base," said Gillian Cline '16.

Although cross country is a team sport, it is natural for runners to adhere to an individualistic mindset. Many players set personal goals and work towards those during the season. Shehadeh sees this as a strength that will help the team in the long run.

"The individual goals can help fuel the team goals. I think those two things will feed off of each other and it will be a good thing for the team," said Shehadeh.

Andover Girls Cross Country hopes to kick off its season with a victory against Noble & Greenough on Saturday

Andover Girls Cross Country is returning all of its Top Seven runners

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Girls Begin the Season With Codfish Bowl Victory

Finishing with a collective time of 1:37:40.00, Andover Girls Cross Country beat out runner-up Greater Boston Track Club by just seven seconds in its first-place victory at the Codfish Bowl last Saturday in Boston, M.A.

After its first meet at Noble & Greenough got cancelled, the team started its season on a high note, trumping older teams such as Merrimack College and Simmons College.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the day was the closeness of our front pack," said Coach Rebecca Hession in an email to *The Phillipian*. Andover's top five runners from Saturday — Grace Rademacher '18, Michaela Jones '18, Peyton McGovern '16, Carmen Bango '16 and Co-Captain Anoush Shehadeh '15 — all finished within 20 seconds of each other.

"We have workout groups, which help form bonds among teammates that carry over into the races, which is important to a successful team. Also, at the beginning of practices, we have time to interact with everyone on the team, which is key to the cohesion of a team," McGovern said.

Early returns from newcomers Rademacher, Jones and Bango, combined with McGovern's steady improvement, bode well for this year's team.

Sharon Zhang '16, Parker Tope '16 and Sharon Platt '15 finished after the top five Andover runners with times of 21:03, 21:32 and 22:17, respectively.

"This is actually potentially our strongest season in a while. Our new runners have so much potential, and as a team we have so much depth. Individually, we are all super strong, and I think that if we progressively develop our path running, we will get even better," said Tope. "I think that our biggest challenge will be staying in packs. Honestly, we are a force to reckon with."

Gillian Cline '16, Anna Kramer '16, Morgan Rooney '17 and Charlotte Berry '15 finished afterwards at 23:22, 23:46, 23:58 and 24:01, respectively.

Some varsity runners also competed in the Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) Invitational on the same day. Lauren Smith '15, Olivia Brokaw '18 and Alana Gudinas '16 were Andover's top representatives at NMH.

"I feel very confident about the rest of the season because we have a really tight pack of top seven runners, as well as many new and returning runners that have been improving all season so far. The sheer number of strong runners we have on the team hasn't been seen in years, and I expect to be successful throughout the racing season," said Gudinas.

"As far as improvement, I think we are just aiming to do what we have been doing all season — put in all our effort into practice and take care of any arising injuries, so that during races we are confident and, of course, fast," she continued.

Andover will look to secure another strong finish at Choate on Sunday.

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SPORTS

Girls Race Past Choate and St. Paul's

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Only one Choate finisher raced to a place in the top eight. Sharon Zhang '16 and Parker Tope '16 rounded out Andover's Top Seven in seventh and eighth places overall, respectively.

Pack running has contributed to Andover's success this season.

Tope said, "We all finished together as a team, bringing in the consecutive places. We work well and run well together. We practice hard together and encourage each other during the races."

Two Saturdays ago at the Codfish Bowl, the runners used a similar tactic where Shehadeh, Bango, McGovern, Rademacher and Jones all finished within 20 seconds of each other.

Andover turned in another winning performance on Wednesday at home against St. Paul's, with eight runners placing in the top ten. Andover defeated St. Paul's, the reigning Interschols champion, 20-42.

Rademacher and Jones came in first and second for Andover with times of 18:31 and 19:00, respectively.

"[Shehadeh] was ill today, but the other four of the top five were really strong. They ran a really good pack. [Zhang] broke 21 minutes, so that was a really big deal. A lot of people [bested their personal records], so I think today was a solid day for everyone," said Tope. "We have two distinct, really good packs, especially on varsity, but we really need to work on bringing those packs closer to each other so it's overall a better team."

Zhang added, "We've really come through in our depth. That's what I'd attribute this victory to. We have depth on our team, and we've also been relatively injury-free. Going forward, we have to make sure that we're still preventative and smart in our racing. The key [will also be] fostering a sense of cooperation and teamwork so [we] have a sense of camaraderie."

Andover has a ten-day stretch before its next race to recover and work on speed.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Despite rain and chilly temperatures, Peyton McGovern '16 cruised across Exeter's finish line with a time of 18:30 to win her third race of the season. McGovern led a crushing Andover Girls Cross Country 17-42 victory over Exeter.

Seven of Andover's nine runners finished in the top ten against Exeter, and the victory secured an undefeated 5-0 season for the team.

Michaela Jones '18 and Grace Rademacher '18 finished right behind McGovern in 18:35 and 18:40, respectively. Anoush Shehadeh '15 and Carmen Bango '16 rounded Andover's top five and top five overall finishes in times of 18:48 and 18:49, respectively.

"Our team did really well against Exeter, unsurprisingly. Our Varsity team all ran under 20:30, which is impressive," said Rademacher.

Andover's top pack of McGovern, Jones, Rademacher, Shehadeh and Bango has finished first for Andover in all but one meet this season.

Sharon Platt '15 and Parker Tope '16 finished together in 20:07 to take ninth and tenth place overall. Sharon Zhang '16 and Qiqi Ren '15 followed in 11th and 12th overall at 20:24 and 20:25, respectively.

"We went to Exeter bringing our 'A'-game more than usual, because we knew that they were trying to beat us this year. Last year, they didn't bring that much competition, but this year they tried pretty hard to beat us," said Zhang.

"What we did going in was just stick in packs like [Coach Rebecca Hession] told us and just run as hard as we could without jeopardizing our chances in Interschols," said Zhang.

Andover will conclude its season with the NEPSAC Division I Cross Country Championships (Interschols) this Sunday.

Two key runners for Andovers at NEPSAC Division I Cross Country Championships (Interschols) will be McGovern and Shehadeh, three-year veterans of the Championships. Shehadeh is a two-year reigning Interschols champion and set a New England record at last year's Interschols.

After a strong season, Rademacher, Jones and Bango will also figure as important runners.

Andover maintains a history of winning Interschols and held a six-year reign at the top from 2005 to 2010. With an undefeated record this season, Andover is a favorite to take first place at Interschols for the first time in four years.

"I feel pretty confident about Interschols. We are very well prepared and have a great attitude about anything that could happen on race day. I am confident in our abilities as a team. We are going to work on our pack running and not letting the other teams mess with our mentalities on Sunday," said Rademacher.

Andover's biggest challenger to the title will be Deerfield, the two-time reigning champions. Andover outraced Deerfield 15-46 at home earlier this season.

St. Paul's will also figure into Andover's main competitors at Interschols. St. Paul's was the only school whose top runner placed first overall in a meet against Andover.

"As a team, we have a really good shot of winning. It's just staying in the right mode and performing on the day," said Zhang.

Andover will travel over four hours to Interschols at Hotchkiss on Sunday, November 9.

Peyton McGovern '16 (center) finished in first place against Exeter.

SPORTS
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY
Girls Finish Perfect Season with Interschols Victory

Paving the way for Andover Girls Cross Country's NEPSTA Division I Championship (Interschols) title, Grace Rademacher '18 and Michaela Jones '18 took third and fourth place overall with times of 19:10 and 19:16, respectively.

Andover finished the season with an undefeated 6-0 record and its first Championship victory since 2010.

"Looking back, what really set [our team] apart was our depth," said Rademacher.

Parker Tope '16 added, "Throughout the whole entire season we had really tight packs, and we had a lot of new people that had really strong seasons."

With all of Andover's five scoring runners placing within the first 12 places, the team scored an outstandingly low 32 points. Andover beat out second place Loomis Chaffee by a landslide of 63 points.

Peyton McGovern '16 and Anoush Shehadeh '1S finished sixth and seventh overall in 19:24 and 19:37, respectively. Four of Andover's runners finished in the top ten overall places.

Carmen Bango '16 finished in 12th with a time of 19:55. Sharon Platt '15 and Tope rounded out Andover's Top Seven with 28th and 29th overall finishes in 20:57 and 20:S8, respectively.

Andover Girls Cross Country will graduate two Varsity Seniors: Shehadeh and Platt.

"It was our Seniors who really put the glue in the packs, kept everyone together, and that's a lot of leadership and a lot of awesome running that we're definitely going to miss on the team next year," said Tope.

Sharon Zhang '16 continued, "I would definitely say the connections that we had on the team [made the team really specia!]. This year, especially, I felt like our team was more of a family than... a team. I think that was due partially to how we made sure to include everyone on the team and motivate each other."

Interschols marked the completion of Andover's season. Fueled by a strong performance in the 2014 season, the team is already looking forward to next fall.

"[I'm looking forward to] being with the team again. I'm already sad that the season is over, and it's only been a day," said Zhang.

When asked what she was looking forward to next season, Tope replied, "Winning again, keeping it on top."

Rademacher, Jones, McGovern, Shehadeh, Bango and Tope will compete at the Nike Cross Nationals regional championship in December.

Andover Girls Cross Country celebrates an undefeated season and Interschols win

Sport: Field Hockey

Year: 2014

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SEASON RECORD

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Burns, Hannah
Corwin, Caroline
Coulter, Gorden
Cregg, Hannah
Davidson, Alexandra
Dolan, Lila
Fucillo, Anna
Holmes, Sarah
Holubiak, Elizabeth
Jancsy, Payton, Mgr
Krikorian, Beth
Marcus, Julia
McCarthy, Kelly
Overly, Lauren
Quigley, Eliza
Silva, Hayley
Toffoloni, Evagelia
Toffoloni, Katerina
Toffoloni, Nikoletta
Tucker, Ashley
Welch, Elizabeth

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Field Hockey Girls Varsity
2014 Roster

No	Name	Yr	Hometown
GK	Holmes, Sarah	2016	Darien, CT
GK	Silva, Hayley	2015	Newtown Square, PA
2	Dolan, Lila	2015	Andover, MA
3	Burns, Hannah	2015	Upper Brookville, NY
4	Corwin, Caroline	2017	Reading, MA
5	Toffoloni, Evagelia *	2015	Westwood, MA
6	Toffoloni, Nikoletta	2015	Westwood, MA
7	Toffoloni, Katerina	2015	Westwood, MA
8	Overly, Lauren	2017	Columbus, OH
9	Welch, Elizabeth	2018	Winchester, MA
10	Davidson, Alexandra	2017	North Andover, MA
11	Holubiak, Elizabeth	2018	Hooksett, NH
12	Krikorian, Beth	2017	Windham, NH
13	Quigley, Eliza	2015	Marblehead, MA
14	Tucker, Ashley	2018	Wenham, MA
16	Marcus, Julia	2015	Greenwich, CT
18	McCarthy, Kelly	2016	Lynnfield, MA
21	Fucillo, Anna	2015	Winthrop, MA
29	Cregg, Hannah	2016	Andover, MA

* Captain

Coaches: Kate Dolan & Martha Fenton

Managers: Gordon Coulter '16, Will Bergstein '16, Payton Jancsy '16

Field Hockey Varsity
Schedule and Record

Record: 15-1-1

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
September 10, 2014 at 2:30 PM	Scrimmage vs. Tilton	H		
September 13, 2014 at 2:45 PM	Game vs. Thayer	A	Win	5-1
September 17, 2014 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Lawrence Academy	A	Win	1-0
September 19, 2014 at 7:00 PM	Game vs. Loomis	A	Win	4-2
September 26, 2014 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Brooks	H	Win	3-1
September 27, 2014 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Win	5-3
October 1, 2014 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Governor's	H	Tie	1-1
October 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Win	3-1
October 8, 2014 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Milton	A	Win	4-2
October 11, 2014 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	A	Win	3-2
October 15, 2014 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Middlesex	H	Win	3-0
October 18, 2014 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. NMH	A	Win	5-4
October 22, 2014 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. BB&N	A	Win	4-2
October 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	Win	5-2
October 29, 2014 at 2:45 PM	Game vs. Nobles	A	Win	3-1
November 1, 2014 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. Cushing	A	Win	2-0
November 8, 2014 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Win	4-1
November 12, 2014 at 3:15 PM	Tournament vs. Loomis	H	Loss	0-3

FIELD HOCKEY

15 Returners Bolster Team's Hopes

After faltering at the tail-end of an otherwise impressive 11-win season, Andover Field Hockey returns to the field hungry for greater success this fall.

"In 2013, we started the season 10-1-1, but then we seemed to stumble a bit down the stretch and lost three of our last four games, including Nobles & Greenough, Exeter and our first-round playoff game against Westminster, so it was a disappointing ending to what started out as an excellent season," said Head Coach Kate Dolan.

Players admit that complacency set in once the team got off to a hot start. Having a virtual lock on the playoffs, Andover did not live up to its full potential for the latter half of the season.

"We lost to Exeter because we were too confident about our standing in playoffs, and we lost in the first round of playoffs," said Lila Dolan '15. "I think as a whole, we all use those setbacks as motivators for the next year."

Boasting 15 returners, Andover's roster displays no lack of leadership and talent on this Andover's roster. The team does not view the losses of its five graduates as a setback; rather, it embraces the coming changes.

"We lost some of our defense this year, so we will need a few of our midfield players or new players on the team to fill in those gaps. Many of our midfielders are capable of playing defense, so I'm confident that we will be able to create a strong defensive line," said Captain Evagelia Toffoloni '15.

Out of its 21 members, the team has 11 seniors and six newcomers. During the preseason, the coaches focused on the on-field dynamic between veterans and newcomers.

"We have a large contingent of returning players, coupled with a talented group of newcomers. We are hoping that, with time and effort, we gel into a top-notch team," said Kate Dolan.

Among the new players are starting goalie Haley Silva '15 and Ashley Tucker '18.

"The coaches are working with them to make sure they're comfortable, and [Tucker] has improved a lot just from the beginning of the season," said Lexi Davidson '17.

Having learned a valuable lesson last season, the team looks to finally get that breakthrough year.

"One of our definite goals is to make it into the playoffs and hopefully go all the way. The past three years I have been on the team, we have made it into the quarterfinals but have not been able to proceed any further," said Toffoloni.

The team took its first step towards a successful season by shutting out Tilton in a scrimmage this Wednesday.

"We all connected on the field. With many people never having played together before, that was a concern before the game," said Kelly McCarthy '16.

As always, the scrimmage exposed areas that needed improvement. Andover gave away many offensive corners that could prove crucial against tough opponents.

Andover will square off against Thayer Academy on Saturday, looking to repeat the quick start it got off to last season.

Captain Evagelia Toffoloni '15 is a member of the U-19 USA Field Hockey team

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FIELD HOCKEY

Lexi Davidson '17 faked her defender, moved to her left and passed the ball to wide-open Eliza Quigley '15, who slammed the ball into the net and sealed Andover Field Hockey's 5-1 victory against Thayer on Saturday.

Andover also defeated Lawrence Academy 1-0 on Wednesday for an undefeated week.

Andover attacked Thayer's defensive zone, scored minutes after the game began and had continuous success with corner goals.

"We scored either [two] or three times off the corners and other than that there were just a bunch of good passing sequences up the field and some lucky crosses that were able to be tipped in," said Hannah Burns '15.

"We had a really strong offensive start. Right out of the gate we were attacking, attacking, very offensive," said Head Coach Kate Dolan.

The game also showcased the team's improved defense, which was a major focus during practice last week.

"We practiced a lot of one-on-one defense, and we practiced a lot of transitioning," said Burns.

Dolan continued, "I think the kids did a better job supporting one another defensively, which is the area we have to keep working on. [Wednesday's game] was good in that it reaffirmed that we're a strong team, that we're a deep team. But competition is going to get tougher too."

Andover continued its winning streak in its game against Lawrence. Andover adjusted well to a slower-paced game on Lawrence's grass field.

"Since we're not used to playing on grass, it was definitely different, and, since the team we were playing against practices on it every day, they were more accustomed to it. So it took us a little bit to adjust, but, once we did, I think we dominated," said Captain Eva Toffoloni '15.

"We couldn't be fancy with [the ball]. We had to play more as a team and more efficiently," added Katerina Toffoloni '15.

Quigley scored the game's only goal.

"It was off of a corner and [Nikoletta Toffoloni '15] passed it out to Eliza and Eliza shot it. It tipped off a defender," said Eva Toffoloni.

Andover's defensive front commanded its side of the field once again: Lawrence did not score a single goal. Kelly McCarthy '16 was a key part of Andover's shutout.

"[McCarthy] did really well. She's the furthest back and she knows when to step up, when to not step up and she knows how to use the people around her," said Nikoletta Toffoloni.

Andover hopes to continue its undefeated streak against Loomis Chaffee on Friday.

Anna Fucillo '15 is a four-year veteran of Andover Field Hockey

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September 26, 2014
SPORTS

Andover Field Hockey Does Not Settle

With the deciding goal from last week's game under her name, Eliza Quigley '15 came onto the field hot once again with an early opening goal against Loomis Chaffee on Saturday. Andover Field Hockey went on to score three more goals for a decisive 4-2 victory over Loomis and an unscathed 3-0 record.

"Because we scored right away, our momentum shot way up and their confidence went way down, so we kind of fed off of that and it helped us play," said Nikoletta Toffoloni '15.

Kelly McCarthy '16 added, "Loomis is a really strong competitor generally across the board, so something we were really honed in on was making sure that we scored the first goal and that we were the people dictating the momentum of the game."

Andover coupled its surging offense with a strong defensive performance and held possession for most of the game.

Forced turnovers on defense created breakaway opportunities for Andover.

"Our defense was really strong, and that set us up for a bunch of great opportunities on offense," said Beth Krikorian '17.

Nikoletta Toffoloni, who plays defense, said, "The ball didn't come to our end too often since we were really good at anticipating where they were going to pass it and stepping up when we needed to. We only got a few corners during the game, and we did a pretty good job just clearing the ball out wide."

"We were really communicating well and we were doing a good job with our free hits, so that's good because no turnovers were caused on us," added McCarthy.

Loomis's field was packed with enthusiastic supporters, as students and alumni gathered to cheer for the team on the centennial of the school's founding.

"We used Loomis's cheers as motivation for us to succeed in the game, and so we had a lot of energy," said Lauren Overly '17.

"We had to have good energy because it was away and a Friday night game. "We knew we had to be fired up from the get go," said Krikorian.

Julia Marcus '15 added, "I think because it was such a long drive and it was a night game, we were all really motivated and really wanted to win, and we didn't drive two and a half hours to go lose."

In a low-scoring game that tested each team's patience, Andover managed to make less mistakes and grinded out a hard-fought win.

"We really came together as a team," continued Marcus.

Even Payton Jancsy '16, a manager for Andover Field Hockey, participated. He pointed out a rule violation to the referee as Loomis tried to advance the ball up the field. The referee congratulated Jancsy for being "exactly right," and green-carded the Loomis player. The player was then forced to exit the game for two minutes, and Andover was given a "man-up" advantage, signifying Andover's clear hold of the game's pulse throughout the night.

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Kelly McCarthy '16 steals the ball from a defender

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Field Hockey Earns Two Victories

Captain Eva Toffoloni '15 hovered just outside the crease and quickly sent the ball flying past a Choate defender towards Ashley Tucker '18, who tapped it into the back of the net. Thanks to their efforts, Andover Field Hockey finished 3-1 over Choate on Sunday. Adding to Sunday's victory, Andover continued its undefeated season this week with a 4-2 win over Milton on Wednesday.

At Choate, Andover's consistency on defense played a crucial role in the team's success. Tight defense allowed the offense to stretch the field with outlet passes. "The defense had really good strong hits out of the circle up to the forwards," said Kat Toffoloni '15. "When our defenders got the ball in our defensive end, they just sent it up the field really quickly, which gave us some good [offensive] chances," added Tucker.

As in the past two games, Andover's complex passing sequences and its fast breaks were the most important factors for its offensive production. "When we scored in those brief moments, the passing was really good," said Eliza Quigley '15. Despite the win, the team acknowledged that its performance against Choate left much to be desired. "We had some moments where we did play well, but I don't think it was our best effort or game ever. They just worked harder than us," said Lexi Davidson '17. Andover also frequently found itself behind the pace of play during the game. "We've been slow lately. I don't really know what the cause of the lag is, but it's something we've been working on in practice," added Kelly McCarthy '16. "The good thing is that we haven't suffered a loss yet from that." The efforts to intensify practice paid off, as Andover brought a new level of energy to the Milton game. "Everything [on Wednesday] was an improvement," said Anna Fucillo '15. "We hustled and worked a lot better as a team, working to make some great passing sequences down the field." After being outworked by Choate, Andover made sure to go the extra mile against Milton, especially on its defensive half of the field.

"We improved on running to the ball, intercepting the ball and pressuring the ball," added Lila Dolan '15. Although Milton scored the first goal, Andover remained patient with the ball and waited for scoring opportunities. "The kids didn't panic, and they just kept playing hard," said Head Coach Kate Dolan. Beth Krikorian '17 said, "Even when they scored first, we didn't let up and proceeded to score four consecutive goals. Our energy was there when we needed it most." Andover maintained its momentum for the rest of the game. Although Milton scored a second goal, Andover closed out the game to preserve its undefeated record.

"Our strength was just being aggressive, beating them to the ball and being more aggressive offensively and defensively," said Lila Dolan. "I think we did our best playing as a team. When the team works together as a unit and we pass together and we play defense together, we do better." Andover hopes to continue its winning streak against St. Paul's on Saturday. With five goals to her name this season, including one in Andover Field Hockey's most recent game against Choate, center-midfielder Lexi Davidson '17 is an offensive threat on the turf. At 5'1", Davidson has a dangerous shot, weaves through her defenders with excellent ball-handling skills and is the team's go-to player on corner hits. She also maintains extensive knowledge of the game and is a strong defender. Having played an important role in Andover Field Hockey for the past two seasons, specifically in the past two games, Davidson has earned the title of The Phillipian's Athlete of the Week. What motivates you? My teammates. Seeing all of the girls on my team giving their all in each game, it motivates me to as well. When I go out on the field, I don't play for myself; I play for them. What are your pre-game rituals? I put my hair up with an elastic and then my scrunchie over the elastic. Then, I put my Lululemon headband on. My hair has to look perfect. What do you think when you step onto the turf? I visualize myself playing well, and I create a game plan in my mind of what I want to do accomplish. I think of how I am going to score or pass down the field or burn a girl in the midfield. Describe yourself as a player in one word. Argumentative: I fight with the refs a lot. Favorite goal celebration? Hugging and cheering with my teammates. Then, taking the ball out of the net, putting it back in the center of the field and feeling the envious looks of my opponents. What's your best shot? Definitely my chip shot.

What's the first thing you think when you score? "Thank goodness it went in." Favorite field hockey accessory? My scrunchie. My teammate Lila [Dolan '15] and I have matching ones. What's the best part of PAFH? Creating friendships that I wouldn't have made otherwise. Bonding with my teammates and knowing that they'll always have my back. [Andover Field Hockey] has the most special team environment of any team that I've ever been on..

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FIELD HOCKEY

Andover's Anchor in Net:
Post-Graduate Hayley Silva '1S

Choate attackers desperately shot balls at the the net as they scrambled to recover from a two-goal deficit against Andover Field Hockey on Sunday afternoon.

The Choate attackers were not victorious in their attempts. Andover goalie and Post-Graduate (PG) Hayley Silva '15 blocked shot after shot to seal a 3-1 Andover victory.

"[Silva] is the backbone of our team," said Anna Fucillo '1S. "She is always communicating and letting us know what's going [on] around us. Her ability to run our defense has really helped us thus far."

A PG from Newtown Square, P.A., Silva has allowed only 11 goals in eight games for Andover this season. Opponents have averaged 1.4 goals per game against Andover, while Andover has averaged 3.3 goals per game. Armed with Silva's protection of the net, Andover holds a 7-0-1 record to begin the season.

Silva began playing field hockey at the age of 13 and quickly developed a sense of the game.

Midway through her first season as a defender, Silva's talent and field hockey IQ earned her a spot in the net.

In the summer before her ninth grade year, Silva tried out for and made the WC Eagles, an indoor field hockey club team ranked at the time as the top team in the country by USA Field Hockey.

In tenth grade, Silva transferred to the Shipley School in Bryn Mawr, P.A. Silva started her junior and senior years at Shipley and recorded over 250 saves in 16 games her last year. Silva also held onto four shutouts during her senior year at the Shipley School.

A two-year Captain at the Shipley School, Silva was named main line Athlete of the Week and all main line during her Senior year. Silva also earned All-League Honorable Mentions junior and senior year.

Silva's superb play and leadership skills on the defensive end also earned her interest from colleges such as Williams, Dickinson, Babson, Colby and Bates.

In the end, Silva applied to nine colleges and was accepted to eight. So why, then, did Silva decide to do a PG year at Andover?

A wide grin broke out on Silva's face at this question.

"Andover has great field hockey, but also a diverse community that I just felt really comfortable in. I couldn't pass that up. [Also], this team works really hard together but also has a lot of fun, and we're just a close-knit group," said Silva.

Andover has been fortunate to have Silva. With her in the net, the team hopes to find success during the championships.

"Hayley has been a much welcomed addition. She consistently makes game-changing saves and always communicates to the team. [She] has played a big role in our current record," said Captain Eva Toffoloni '1S.

Goalie Hayley Silva '1S is a brick wall in goal for Andover

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Andover Fights Breast Cancer, Keeps Undefeated Streak Alive

On Wednesday, in a quiet huddle before Andover Field Hockey's game, Head Coach Kate Dolan reminded her pink-clad players of the significance of the game against Middlesex. The two teams were playing a game for "Play for the Cure," an organization that raises awareness for breast cancer.

"[Kate Dolan] reminded us all that this game was about more than just field hockey, and there are much harder things that we will have to face in life than being hit with a ball or scored on," said Lila Dolan '15.

Andover Field Hockey went on to win the game 3-0. Coupled with a 3-2 victory over St. Paul's on Saturday, Andover Field Hockey remains Andover's only undefeated team this season.

The win against St. Paul's on Saturday presented multiple challenges. Lexi Davidson '17, a key midfielder and last week's "Athlete of the Week" in The Phillipian, tore a tendon in her foot and will probably be out for the next week.

"We lost [Davidson] in the first half, and I think we did a really good job of jumping back into it in the second half and working well without her and adjusting without her," said Eliza Quigley '15.

To add to the problem, St. Paul's pushed the ball down the field aggressively, and Andover found itself trailing in a rare late start, down 2-1 in the first half.

"We haven't had to come from behind a lot this season, so we played with a new sense of urgency," said Anna Fucillo '15.

Quick to adjust, Andover turned its offensive focus to passing and switching fields to force the St. Paul's defense onto its heels.

"We did a really good job of coming back and coming out on top," said Quigley.

Beth Krikorian '17 added, "We had good passing, moved the ball down the field well and used our back field when we needed to."

Except for letting two early break-aways through the line, the Andover defense played well, effectively stopping many of St. Paul's counter attacks.

"Our defense did such a good job intercepting their balls. We had to be really proactive and not wait for them to get the ball to defend because otherwise they just kept hitting it further and further down the field," said Nikoletta Toffoloni '15.

At the beginning of the season, Andover's defense gave up too many corners. On Wednesday against Middlesex, the team did not give up a single defensive corner, a testament to its improved ability to consistently clear its defensive zone.

Andover's offense entrenched itself in Middlesex's defensive zone, resulting in a shutout performance. "We kept the ball in the other team's end, which was really important for winning the game," said Hannah Cregg '16.

When Middlesex managed to push the ball into Andover's defensive zone, Andover quickly cleared the ball out to the sideline and up the field. This translated into several scoring opportunities for Andover.

"It was good how we got a shutout, and the defense did a good job clearing it out of the circle," said Elizabeth Welch '18.

At the final whistle, the game against Middlesex was exactly the type of performance the team needed after its close call against St. Paul's.

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Andover Field Hockey wears pink for Breast Cancer Awareness for their game against Middlesex School this Wednesday

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Field Hockey on Six-Game Win Streak

Eliza Quigley '15 sped down the left side of the field and dodged a waiting Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) defender. After a quick give-and-go with Captain Eva Toffoloni '15, Quigley lifted the ball past the goalkeeper to score the game-winning goal for Andover Field Hockey. Andover continued its undefeated season with victories against NMH on Saturday and BB&N on Wednesday by scores of 5-4 and 4-2, respectively.

Andover found itself down a goal for most of the hard-fought game. It was not until the second half that Andover pulled ahead with two quick goals.

"They scored first, but then, even after we scored, they scored three minutes after, one minute after and 27 seconds after, so we were kind of lagging the whole game," Ashley Tucker '18 said. NMH was the first opponent that managed to match Andover goal-for-goal, and Andover struggled to establish momentum during the game. "Normally, once we score, we just keep up the trend, so that was a new challenge for us as a team," said Elizabeth Welch '18.NMH's quick start and confident play unnerved Andover's usually stable defense. "I think the difference in this game was that, all of a sudden, after they scored two goals, our confidence just kind of got shaky, so we started playing really panicked," said McCarthy. Tucker added, "We were kind of overconfident going into it and weren't as mentally prepared as we could have been. I think we were just kind of caught off guard by how good they ended up being." "We didn't give up, we just kept pushing in the end and we answered every goal that they scored with another of our own. So it was really just the perseverance and the trusting in our teammates that we were going to be able to eke out the win," McCarthy said. Against BB&N, Andover improved its level of play and won in a much more comfortable manner.

Katerina Toffoloni '15 said, "We played much better compared to [the game against] NMH. Our team clicked and worked really well together in the offensive zone."

"We started a lot stronger this game," said Anna Fucillo '15.Andover utilized tactics that were emphasized during the past few practices. "During our practices this week, we worked on stopping fast breaks and slowing our opponents. We improved on this in our game today and pulled out a win," said Eva Toffoloni. In addition, Andover was quick to decipher BB&N's style of play and adjust accordingly. "They had two forwards that would run down the field really fast, but once we figured out how to stop them it was much better," said Nikoletta Toffoloni '15. "We also realized that we had to cover those girls and step in front of them to intercept the balls passed to them." With only four games left in the season, Andover looks to continue its strong play in order to build momentum before the playoffs. The team plays Deerfield on Saturday

Eliza Quigley '15 (left) and Anna Fucillo '15 (center) work together to maintain possession of the ball

Eva Toffoloni Breaks Scoring Record

Captain Evagelia Toffoloni '15 burst into the crease and, with an athletic hop over the opposing player's stick, slapped the ball past BB&N's goalie while she was still in mid-air. Her teammates swarmed her, and the bench celebrated the record-breaking goal. Andover Field Hockey went on to win the game by a 4-2 margin.

With her second goal against BB&N on Wednesday, Toffoloni broke the single-season scoring record for Andover Field Hockey. She scored the most goals in a single season since at least 1990, when Head Coach Kate Dolan arrived at Andover.

As Andover's most dangerous attacker, Toffoloni uses her agility to outwit the opposing team's defensive end. She currently has 18 goals this season.

"[Toffoloni] is a very skilled player with great quickness, so she is very hard to defend.... It's a huge challenge for any defender to try to match her speed and stick work," wrote Dolan in an email to The Phillipian.

"Her stick skills are a huge asset for her individual play, as well as the team's play. Her vision creates great passing sequences and attacking opportunities," added Beth Krikorian '17.

Toffoloni's record-breaking goal came just 12 games into the season. With four regular-season games left in addition to the playoffs, she has the chance to surpass the previous record by a significant margin.

Dolan stressed Toffoloni's selfless attitude on the field. She said, "She is completely a team-first player — how the team performs is more important to her than any goal. She would do anything to help the team be successful, and that has an enormous positive effect on the team."

This attitude has helped elevate the entire team to a higher level of play. "She works hard every practice, every drill, and everyone feels compelled to follow her lead," continued Dolan.

Andover Field Hockey will square off against an 8-3-0 Deerfield team on Friday, and Toffoloni will be looking to add to her record-breaking season.

FIELD HOCKEY

Field Hockey Continues Its Undefeated Reign

Three minutes into the second half against Deerfield on Friday, Andover Field Hockey grabbed a 2-1 lead when Eliza Quigley '15 received a corner and drove the ball to Lexi Davidson '17, who rocketed it into the far corner of the net.

Andover went on to score three more goals and emerge with a 5-2 victory. Coming off the Deerfield game, the team added yet another win to its undefeated season with a win against Nobles & Greenough, 3-1, on Wednesday.

During the first ten minutes of its home game against Deerfield, Andover came out uncharacteristically lacking in intensity and drive.

"We didn't start off well," said Elizabeth Holubiak '18. "I'm not sure what team was out there playing in the first ten minutes of the game."

When Deerfield scored the first goal, Andover regained confidence after a brief team huddle.

"After they scored the first goal, we got ourselves together and started to pick it up," said Holubiak.

Shortly after, Andover tied up the game with a momentum-changing goal.

"I think after the first goal [was] scored, it gave everyone more confidence that we could win the game, and we started to use each other a little more to get goals," said Hannah Cregg '16.

Andover built off that goal and pulled ahead for good.

"We kept the momentum, and they were not able to reestablish themselves in the second half," said Holubiak.

In the second half, the four goals that Andover scored doubled Deerfield's total goals allowed in its previous 11 games.

"The best part was that they had only had four goals scored on them all season, and we scored five on them in one night," said Lila Dolan '15.

"We managed to pull ourselves together and pull out a great win," said Captain Eva Toffoloni '15.

On Wednesday against Nobles, Andover maintained high energy throughout the game.

"We definitely came in knowing it was going to be tough, so we came out ready to play, which is something we have struggled with in the past," said Ashley Tucker '18.

Hannah Burns '15 said, "We were really determined to beat them, so we kept the energy and intensity up the whole time."

Andover's dominance showed in the box score and the number of offensive corners it won, 17 compared to Nobles's three.

"We really capitalized on our corners, which we have had trouble doing in the past," said Julia Marcus '15.

"Nobles is a tough competitor always, but I think we hung in there and persevered and got good results," said Head Coach Kate Dolan. "We really needed our whole entire team to work together to do well."

Looking to continue its undefeated season, Andover will play Cushing away on Saturday in its penultimate game.

Anna Fucillo '15 crosses a Deerfield defender in Andover's game under the lights

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Toffoloni and Mott Break Career Scoring Records

After four years playing for Andover Field Hockey, Captain Eva Toffoloni '15 left the field after a crushing win over Exeter with an unscathed perfect season, having shattered not only Andover's single-season scoring record, but also the career scoring record.

During her final season at Andover, Toffoloni racked up a whopping 23 goals. Over the course of her four-year Andover career, she scored 49 goals.

"Her stick skills are amazing. She's able to bring her defender one way and cut the ball back, run swiftly around the defender and cut her off," said Beth Krikorian '17. "She uses her vision to dish the ball off to our players on the post, too."

Toffoloni was the go-to option of the team's attack this season. With a quality shot and stick skills that can break ankles, she is a threat whenever she touches the ball.

"[Toffoloni] always worked super hard getting herself in the right positions," said Lexi Davidson '17. "It paid off with her breaking the record, and she deserves every single goal."

"[Toffoloni's] stick skillss are next-level," said Kelly McCarthy '16. "She can move the ball through tight spaces, which makes her a huge threat in the circle."

Just 12 games into the season, Toffoloni broke the single-season scoring record, which has stood since 1990.

"[Toffoloni] sees the field like nobody else. She gets into this certain mode, and she becomes unstoppable. It's what separates her as an athlete and gives her an edge over the average player," said Anna Fucillo '15.

Toffoloni's work ethic and leadership have made a world of difference for her teammates.

Lila Dolan '15 said, "[Toffoloni] is incredible in every sense of the word. When I think of [Toffoloni], I think of her relentlessness and her constant composure. She embodies [Andover Field Hockey's] motto of 'Don't Settle.' She is willing to do anything and everything for the good of the team, both on and off the field. She always encourages others to play their best, and she genuinely cares that each and every girl knows how important [she] is to the team."

"There could not have been a better person to lead [Andover Field Hockey] than [Toffoloni]. We would not have [been] nearly as good as we were this year without her because of her skill and ability to score, but more importantly because of her love and dedication that she brought to the team day in and day out," Dolan continued.

Toffoloni has remained humble and focused on the field during the season. She puts the success of her team above individual accomplishment.

"For me, breaking the records was a culmination of my passion for the sport, my hard work on the field and my love for all my teammates," said Toffoloni.

"I am proud to be in the record books, because Andover and field hockey mean so much to me. Being able to be a part of this school and this team is something that I will cherish forever. I give my all in everything that I do and love. I fell in love with this sport my [Junior] year at Andover and have just worked my hardest every time I step onto the field," she added.

Along with her two sisters, Toffoloni will continue her experience playing for Andover to Yale University next fall.

Both Toffoloni and Mott broke their respective records against Exeter on Saturday.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Held in a 55-minute deadlock, Andover Girls Field Hockey and Cushing kept each other scoreless until newcomer Ashley Tucker '18 broke through with five minutes left in the game. 90 seconds later, Captain Eva Toffoloni '15 picked up a rebound, outmaneuvered two defenders and backhanded the ball into the net, closing out a 2-0 win last Saturday.

Harsh weather conditions played the biggest challenge in Andover's venture to central Massachusetts.

"The Cushing game was a testament to our mental toughness. It was very cold and very wet, which are both conditions that make sports, especially field hockey, difficult to play," said Kelly McCarthy '16.

The team focused on executing its game plan despite the weather. It was also important for the team to stay energized in such grueling conditions.

"We tried not to let the conditions affect our play and we kept our energy up," said Beth Krikorian '17.

Cushing proved to be a tough match for Andover. The strength of each team's defense coupled with the hindering weather stalled the pace of the game.

"It was just kind of a slow game. I feel like neither team was really finishing what it was doing or playing to its best abilities. I wouldn't say we dominated at all; it was pretty half-and-half," said Tucker.

"It wasn't because we weren't playing well that it took us so long to score," she continued. "They were definitely a good team."

Boasting a 13-5-0 record, Cushing was no easy win. Seven of its wins came from shutouts, and the Cushing goalie showed no signs of letting up until the dying embers of the game.

McCarthy said, "Cushing's goalie was very talented, so it took us a long time to score."

To its credit, Andover did not lose composure or get frustrated after dominating long parts of the game without finding the back of the net.

"We played well and controlled the game but could not finish until the end, when we finally broke through," added Lexi Davidson '17.

With just over five minutes left in the game, a series of passes broke through Cushing's defense and Tucker scored for the first score of the contest.

Capitalizing on its newfound momentum following its first goal, Andover found its rhythm and was able to find the net again about 90 seconds after its first goal.

"Once we did score at the very end, after that, we started playing like we usually do," said Tucker.

Although the team failed to find its offensive rhythm until the end of the game, its strong defense rose to every challenge it faced. The balanced nature of the team is a large part of what has allowed it to be so successful this season.

"Overall, I think we did a great job being gritty on defense and poised on offense despite the weather," said McCarthy.

Davidson added, "It was a cold, rainy, hard-fought game."

Still undefeated, Andover will host Exeter in the regular-season finale before playing its first game in the playoffs.

Katerina Toffoloni '15 crosses to the right to dodge her defender.

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Field Hockey

Boasting an undefeated 14-0-1 record, Andover Field Hockey approaches its final game of the regular season: the long-awaited battle against Exeter.

Last year, at the end of a similarly successful season, Andover suffered a disappointing 4-3 defeat against Exeter.

"Last year we came into the Exeter game a little cocky, because we already had a spot in playoffs," said Lauren Overly '17.

Andover strives to redeem itself this year by playing the style of game that has led to its undefeated record.

"We hope to be the more determined, more aggressive team. With teamwork, passing, communication and a relentless will, we hope to avenge last year's result," said Head Coach Kate Dolan.

Exeter holds a 4-10-1 record in its season. It has struggled to generate goals, reflected by its seven scoreless losses. Exeter also has a younger, less-experienced roster, with only five Seniors to Andover's ten.

Coach Dolan said, "We have great Senior leadership, and we will be counting on our Seniors to lead by example with their grit, resiliency and poise."

Andover will especially look to its leading scorer and Captain Eva Toffoloni '15, who has broken the single-season scoring record and has scored nearly double the number of goals that Exeter has scored in total this season. Collectively, Andover has scored 49 goals to Exeter's 12.

Although Andover has not lost this season, none of its members take the game against Exeter for granted.

"No one on the team has ever beat Exeter in field hockey, as we've tied [and lost] in past years. I think that we are really looking for the win especially since we are undefeated and want to keep it that way," said

3:15 P.M. Phelps Stadium Hannah Burns '15.

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FIELD HOCKEY

After Victory Over Exeter, Andover Falters in Playoffs

Beth Krikorian '17 set the tone for Andover Field Hockey's game on Saturday by tipping the ball off a rebound into the goal to give Andover a 1-0 lead against its rival Exeter. Andover went on to score twice more in the first half and again in the first minute of the second half. The result was a resounding 4-1 win that secured an undefeated regular season.

"I think that we had a strong mindset going into the game, knowing it was our last [regular season] game, and it would determine our attitude towards playoffs and the season in general," said Hannah Burns '15.

Andover came out firing once again. By the end of the first half, Andover had built a 3-0 lead.

"We were able to get a quick start by scoring very early into the game," said Captain Eva Toffoloni '15.

Anna Fucillo '15 added, "We wanted to come out strong and that's exactly what we did."

Despite the high pressure situation of an Andover-Exeter game, the team played with its normal, quick pace of play. "Our fast breaks and quick passing sequences really helped us during the game," said Eva Toffoloni '15.

After three years of ties and losses to Exeter, the ten Andover Seniors found solace in this memorable ending to their final Andover Field Hockey season.

"It was great to finish off my last fall Andover-Exeter with a big win. In four years it had always been a very close game with Exeter, and to finally push past them completely was a great feeling," said Fucillo.

Burns said, "None of us [Seniors] have ever beaten Exeter, so it was a perfect ending for the Andover-Exeter rivalry in field hockey for many of us."

Andover fell 3-0 to Loomis Chaffee in its first round of playoffs on Wednesday. It was the team's first loss of the season.

Andover, despite coming in as the first seed in the tournament, could not find its form for most of the game. Conversely, Loomis entered the game as the eighth seed and gave a strong performance on both sides of the field.

"Unfortunately, the pressure of entering playoffs as number-one seed got to us. We played tentatively, and Loomis jumped on that," said Kelly McCarthy '16.

Lauren Overly '17 said, "It honestly just wasn't our day. We played as a strong team, but today Loomis was just better."

Loomis double- and triple-teamed Eva Toffoloni for the entirety of the game. Andover's offense struggled to generate momentum without its leading scorer.

Despite the loss, Andover will not let one game define its 15-1-1 season.

"The big thing with this game was that we played our absolute hardest, but we never got any breaks. It's been the best season. As harsh as this loss was, we can't forget how incredibly unforgettable and special this season has been," said Nikoletta Toffoloni '15.

A vastly different squad will take the field next fall, hoping to continue the legacy of success that the Seniors leave behind.

Katerina Toffoloni '15 pokes the ball into the goal

Sport: Football

Year: 2014

Captain: Robert Needham

Coach: Leon Modeste

Assistant Coach: Lou Bernieri, Raj Mundra

SEASON RECORD

WON 3 LOST 5 TIED 0

Aladin, Jonathan
Anthony, Maxwell *
Ashutosh, Aneesh,
Beckett, Taylor
Belluche, John
Bitler, Luke
Burnham, DeWitt
Cummings, Keegan
DeLaus, Robert
Demsher, Michael
Deorocki, Brendan
DiAdamo, Nicholas
Dixon, Rahmel
Elson, Everett
Faiz, Issraa, Mgr
Flynn, James
Ford, Jumaane
Forti, Nicholas *
Fryer, Cameron *
Gildehaus, Arthur
Humphrey, William
Humphreys, Robert Davis
Jackson, Elijah
Lane, Travis
LeBoeuf, Foster
McFarlane, Andrew *
McLaughlin, John *
Misterman, Brendon *
Needham, Robert
Panepinto, Michael *
Simourian, John
Wagner, Dane *
Ward, Noah
Weber, Kurtis
Welch, Kasey, Mgr
Whalen, Robert
Williamson, Justin

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Varsity Football
2014 Roster

No	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Year	Hometown
2	Burnham, DeWitt	QB	6'1	180	2016	Larkspur, CA
3	Forti, Nicholas *	E/OLB	6'3	180	2015	Daleville, AL
4	LeBoeuf, Foster	CB/WR	5'8	160	2015	Beverly, MA
5	Ford, Jumaane	RB /DE	5'10	170	2016	Brooklyn, NY
6	McLaughlin, John *	CB/WR	6'1	192	2015	Alcoa, TN
9	Whalen, Robert	WR	5'10	175	2016	Hanover, NH
10	Panepinto, Michael *	RB	5'11	185	2015	Needham, MA
13	Beckett, Taylor	QB	5'11	185	2017	Wellesley, MA
12	Lane, Travis	QB	6'	160	2018	Georgetown, MA
14	Flynn, James	K	5'11	185	2016	New York, NY
19	Belluche, John	WR/FS	6'	175	2016	Andover, MA
21	Gildehaus, Arthur	DB	6'2	190	2015	Concord, MA
22	DiAdamo, Nicholas	WR/CB	5'11	185	2015	North Andover, MA
23	Humphrey, William	LB	6'2	185	2016	Lake Forest, IL
24	Aladin, Jonathan	RB	5'7	185	2015	Ewing, NJ
25	Misterman, Brendon *	RB/DB	5'10	190	2015	Depew, NY
33	Simourian, John	OLB/RB	5'9	170	2016	Dover, MA
35	Demsher, Michael	K	6'	160	2016	Westford, MA
36	DeLaus, Robert	CB	6'1	175	2016	Andover, MA
44	Anthony, Maxwell *	OLB/FB	6'4	240	2015	Loudonville, NY
45	Jackson, Elijah	LB/TE	6'2	185	2015	Brooklyn, NY
50	Rex, John	LB/G	6'	195	2017	Andover, MA
51	Wagner, Dane *	LB/FB/G	6'1	220	2015	Niceville, FL
52	McFarlane, Andrew *	OL/DL	6'3	290	2015	Surrey, BC, CAN
54	Ward, Noah	G/DL	6'2	220	2017	North Hampton, NH
55	Deorocki, Brendan	OL/DE	6'6	205	2015	Boxford, MA
56	Needham, Robert, CAPT.	DE/OL	6'1	225	2015	North Reading, MA
58	Weber, Kurtis	G/DE	6'3	200	2015	Winchester, MA
64	Fryer, Cameron *	DL/OL	6'	275	2015	Ajax, ON, CAN
67	Williamson, Justin	OG/DE	6'	185	2016	Naperville, IL
73	Paleologos, Arthur	G	6'	195	2017	Lynnfield, MA
74	Humphreys, Robert Davis	C	6'2	230	2015	Boxford, MA
75	Cummings, Keegan	OG/DE	6'1	207	2017	Silver Spring, MD
77	Ashutosh, Aneesh	OL/DL	5'11	240	2015	Weston, MA
81	Barros, Brandon	WR/CB	5'9	155	2017	North Andover, MA
88	Bitler, Luke	TE/DE	6'3	190	2017	Roaring Gap, NC
89	Dixon, Rahmel	WR	5'10	160	2017	Brooklyn, NY

* PG

Coaches: Leon Modeste, Lou Bernieri, Raj Mundra, Steve Carter, Chip Dunn, Shaun Hart, Fred Martignetti '02

Managers: Elson Everett'15, Issraa Faiz '15 , Kasey Welch '16

Football Varsity
Schedule and Record

Record: 3-5-0

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
September 12, 2014 at 5:00 PM	Scrimmage vs. BB&N	H		
September 20, 2014 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Loomis	A	Loss	0-13
September 27, 2014 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Kent	H	Loss	27-31
October 5, 2014 at 1:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Loss	6-56
October 11, 2014 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Cushing	H	Win	20-6
October 18, 2014 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Suffield	A	Loss	0-34
October 25, 2014 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	Win	32-24
November 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Worcester	A	Loss	13-35
November 8, 2014 at 5:45 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Win	13-12

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FOOTBALL

Big Shoes to Fill: Andover Football Seeks Repeat Championship

By Laura Bilal
PHILLIPIAN **SPORTS WRITER**

This season, Andover Football will look to rebuild its team after losing its pass rusher, receiver and rusher among the 16 players from last year's undefeated squad. To help fill the holes of the 9-0 Jack Etter Bowl Championship team, eight new Post-Graduates will join a core returning team.

"As always, the goal is to win every game, win the championships and have fun doing it," wrote Captain Rob Needham '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*. As one of the few four-year players, he will lead the team as both an offensive lineman and defensive end.

Despite the loss of a slew of key players, the team is studded with fresh energy. "We have a lot of wonderful talent out there, especially the Uppers who have been on the team since last year, who are stepping up and have good chemistry," said Benny Ogando '15.

Uppers on the team include Jumaane Ford '16, DeWitt Burnham '16 and John Simourian '16, who will assume leadership roles as they transition from bench players to key starters. Ford, Burnham and Simourian will likely see time at the skill positions on offense and at defensive back on defense, as Andover graduated 100 percent of its starting defensive backfield from 2013. Other Uppers who will likely see increased playing time are Jack Belluche '16, Matt Whalen '16 and Will Humphrey '16.

This talented group of Uppers, along with the Seniors, will look to continue the success that last year's second-ranked team (among prep schools, according to MaxPreps) enjoyed in all facets of the game. Last season, Andover had the top rusher in the league and ranked well above the national average in nearly every major statistical category. On average, last year's championship team outscored its opponents by 28 points, tallying 298 points and allowing only 106.

A new face to look for on the field is Arthur Gildehaus '15, who last played football his Lower year on the Junior Varsity team.

Andover Football went undefeated last season, crushing Exeter for the first time in six years.

"[Gildehaus] is a great la¬crosse player who will bring great athleticism—he's not nec¬essarily a great football player just yet, but he is a great ath¬lete," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

This year's team hopes to see success from its strong lineup of Post-Graduates in Dane Wagner '15, Nick Forti '15, AJ McFarlane '15, Cameron Fryer '15, Brendon Misterman '15, Max Antho¬ny '15, Mike Panepinto '15 and John McLaughlin '15.

Other returning Seniors in¬clude Nicholas DiAdamo '15, Alex Humphreys '15, Achindra Krishna '15 and Kurtis Weber '15.

"We're trying to set a good ex¬ample [for the younger players]. Getting along with each oth¬er is really important because teamwork is obviously very im¬portant in football. Last year, that's what worked really well for us—everyone meshed real¬ly well together. I think, [two years ago], the reason we had some difficulty was that a lot of us had natural talent but we didn't necessarily work togeth¬er. Right now, everyone's get¬ting along and it's a good time," said Humphreys.

Underclassmen will also be important to the team this year: the majority of starters will be upperclassmen, but the team will look to Lowers to provide depth in case of injury. Last sea¬son, players from the Class of 2016 combined for over 60 tack¬les on defense and amassed over 300 yards and a touchdown on the offensive side of the ball.

"We want to stay healthy, play hard, be good sports and get ready for the second Satur¬day in November... Our biggest goal, same as every year, is to beat Exeter," said Modeste. Andover Football will begin its 2014 season with a scrim¬mage against BB&N today at 5:00 p.m.

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Six Turnovers Plague Season Opener

Just before halftime, Matt Whalen '16 jumped a route and brought down an interception to give Andover Football a chance to swing the momentum in its favor during its game against Loomis Chaffee last Saturday.

After Whalen's interception, Andover's offense stalled out and was unable to capitalize on the opportunity, a common theme throughout the game.

Despite six offensive turnovers, Andover still had an opportunity to steal a victory from Loomis late in the second half, but the offense once again could not muster the strength to get on the scoreboard and fell to Loomis 13-0 in the season opener.

With 12 tackles from Dewitt Burnham '16 and ten tackles each from Brendon Misterman '15, Max Anthony '15 and Dane Wagner '15, the defense delivered one of the best defensive performances in Head Coach Leon Modeste's coaching tenure.

"It was the worst offensive performance I can remember here, but [with] that said, it was one of the best defensive performances I can ever remember," said Modeste.

"[Loomis] was really big upfront, and their linemen were so big that it was hard to get a run off of the line, so we had to throw, which caused the turnovers," said Jumaane Ford '16.

The game was locked in a scoreless tie at halftime, and the defense was holding up against a talented Loomis attack. In the third quarter, Loomis scored on an interception from Thomas Lane '15 to break the deadlock, taking a 6-0 lead.

"There's no getting around the point that, as a team, we did not play to our potential," wrote Captain Rob Needham '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Despite a poor offensive performance through three quarters, Andover found itself down by only one touchdown entering the fourth quarter. As Andover turned to the passing game, Loomis's ball-hawking secondary made play difficult for quarterbacks Lane and Ford, forcing several late turnovers to ice the game.

Andover finished the game with 69 total yards, 55 of which came on the ground.

"No one can win a football game giving the ball over to the other team six times," said Modeste.

On a more positive note, Andover's once-again stingy defense kept the game close until the final whistle. Needham and Anthony notched two sacks apiece, and Whalen grabbed a pick to help the defense stifle the

Loomis attack. Two goal-line stands epitomized the hard-nosed nature of this Andover team.

After leading the team in tackles, Burnham ended up being the most valuable player.

"[Burnham] played one of the best games I've seen for an [Andover] athlete on both sides of the ball — on special teams, he punted. On defense, he had 12 tackles, a couple of assists and he defended a few passes," said Modeste.

Andover will take on Kent at home this weekend, and Kent has a few stand-out players that Andover will need to prepare for. Coach Modeste said, "[Kent] has a great pair of backs. We're going to have to make them throw, because they have those two kids who can just run."

During practice, the team's main focus will be reducing its turnovers.

"If we can have no turnovers —especially interceptions — it'll be a marked improvement, because our defense will keep us close," said Modeste.

Andover Football will look for its first win of the season against Kent tomorrow at 6:00 p.m

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Loomis	13

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Revamped Offense Still Falls to Kent

Brendon Misterman '15 handled the kickoff, broke free from an opposing Kent player and took off down the sideline for an 82-yard kickoff return touchdown in the third quarter. Misterman's score shifted the momentum in Andover Football's favor against Kent on Saturday.

The momentum was short-lived, however, as Andover was unable to get ahead of Kent on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter, ultimately falling 31-27.

The backfield of Misterman, Michael Panepinto '15, Dewitt Burnham '16 and Max Anthony '15 rushed for a total of 205 yards over 36 carries. "We got into a great rhythm on offense, and we played great together," wrote Anthony in an email to The Phillipian.

In his debut performance as quarterback for Andover, Burnham completed seven passes for 103 yards and threw one interception.

Even though the loss was Andover's second of the season, the team still showed improvement. After coughing up six turnovers against Loomis Chaffee, Andover allowed only one turnover in its performance against Kent.

"Probably the biggest thing [was that] we really cut down on our turnovers which helped move the ball," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

Modeste will be looking for Burnham to split time with Taylor Beckett '17, who was recently called up from the Junior Varsity team.

"To prove myself, I am just going to work as hard as possible in practice to learn all the material and get comfortable with the offense. I am a little nervous about playing at the highest level, but I am ready [for] the challenge of going up against older guys," wrote Beckett in an email to The Phillipian.

Burnham will also spend time as a safety for Andover's defense.

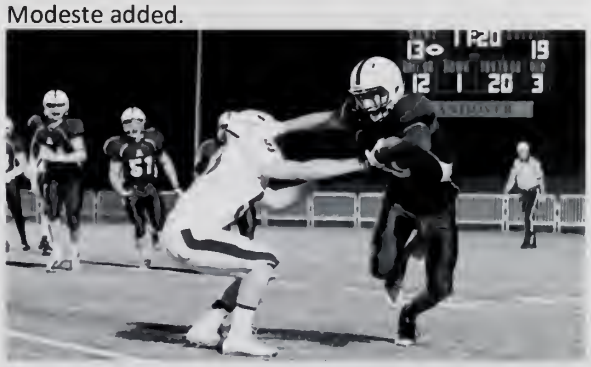
Andover has not made it through the early stages of the season unscathed. Both Panepinto, who played against Kent, and A.J. McFarlane '15 are currently injured. On the field, McFarlane is a strong interior line presence, and Panepinto is a running-back.

"That's football — we can't cry over [injuries]. I feel bad for those kids because they work hard, but this is how a team's character is revealed — [by] how they handle adversity," said Modeste.

Andover will face an undefeated Choate team away on Sunday.

"We looked better this week than last week, but still not good enough to win. We must improve as a team even more this week if we want to have success," wrote Captain Rob Needham '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

"Choate is unbelievable — we are David, and they are Goliath. Hopefully we will have a stone," Modeste added.



Matt Whalen '16 returned a kickoff for a touchdown

Brendon Misterman '15, who returned a kickoff for a touchdown, powers past a Kent defender.

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Dropping back in the pocket and stepping up, Travis Lane '18 fired a pass to Rahmel Dixon '17 down to Choate's one-yard line. Moments later, Elijah Aladin '15 punched the ball in from the goal line to notch Andover Football's first points of the game with roughly two minutes to go in the fourth quarter.

The momentary success proved meaningless, however, as Andover still fell 56-6, leaving the team with a 0-3 record. Despite the loss, players were still pleased with their performance, as Aladin's touchdown was the first score that Choate's defense gave up all season.

"It was kind of a moral victory for our kids, and our team went wild because it was the first time Choate's been scored on all year," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

During the game, Choate's stout defense stifled Andover's offensive attack, and Choate's offense exploited injuries on a banged-up Andover defense. Pre-game challenges came when Post-Graduate cornerback and wide receiver John Riley-McLaughlin '15 went down with a head injury in warm ups on a collision with a fellow receiver — another tally on Andover's injury report. The team went into the game missing five key starters.

Captain Rob Needham '15 said, "We faced some adversity before the game, and Choate is obviously very talented, but you won't find any excuses coming from this team. We came out flat and stayed flat."

Andover's first team offense could not get the ball moving or build any sort of momentum. On the day, Choate held Andover to 227 total yards of offense.

Max Anthony '15 said, "We didn't move the ball too well on offense. We have to get more of a push from our offensive line."

The game was not without its highlights. Many of Andover's players got a shot on the field for valuable playing experience, and Matt Whalen '16 spent the day matched up against Choate wide receiver Will Harris '15, who is committed to Boston College with a burning 4.50 40-yard dash. Whalen held his ground and managed to contain Harris relatively well.

"They were just physically better than us, but we did have some things that went well. Whalen played a fantastic game against [Harris], who is one of the best wide receivers that I've ever seen," said Modeste.

In practice this week, Andover hopes to iron out the kinks on offense, implementing new formations and a more complex route tree.

"We really want to solidify our offensive plan," Whalen said.

Andover will look for better results when matching up against Cushing later this week.

"At this point, we have to play angry; we have to fear losing... After an undefeated season, you kind of lose your appetite for losing," said Needham.

Cushing heads into the matchup with a matching 0-3 record. Each team will battle for its first win of the season this Saturday.

DeWitt Burnham '16 had five total tackles against Choate

FOOTBALL

Andover Smokes Cushing in First Win of the Season

On the opening kickoff, Matt Whalen '16 received the ball and promptly took it 44 yards down the sideline. This promising start pushed Andover Football to its first win of the season, a 20-6 victory over Cushing Academy on Saturday. After struggling to move the ball offensively in the first quarter, Jack Belluche '16, in his first game back from a broken wrist, took control of the game in the second quarter. He scored an offensive and defensive touchdown to put Andover ahead 13-6 at halftime.

In addition to returning an interception for a touchdown, Belluche scored on a touchdown pass from Travis Lane '18. Belluche added 54 yards receiving, three tackles and another interception late in the game.

"Belluche played great [on] both sides of the ball — he caught a touchdown [on offense], he scored a touchdown [on defense] and he almost got one on a kick [return]. It would have been great if he scored on offense, defense and special teams, but he did a good job covering his assignments [on defense] and being a threat on offense," said Head Coach Leon Modeste. With Andover only leading by one score late in the game, Max Anthony '15 busted into the endzone on a two-yard rush in the fourth quarter to make the score 20-6. "The big thing was that we forced turnovers. Their team had five turnovers, and we just had one, and of course one of those turnovers was an interception for a touchdown. Whenever you are able score on defense, that's just awesome," said Modeste. On the defensive end, Andover had several players step up, including Dane Wagner '15, Captain Rob Needham '15 and Cameron Fryer '15. The trio combined for 35 tackles, with Wagner and Needham adding an interception apiece. Wagner also had one sack.

"We stopped the run really well on defense and forced them to pass, which then turned into the interceptions from a lot of balls in the air," said Whalen.

Needham said, "It wasn't a single person who stepped up — we really played well as a team." The team got Belluche back from injury but still had a number of starters watching on from the sidelines. "It's really tough being injured from my experience. We've had a lot of key players injured, but we are not letting that be an excuse or a distraction. It's just that the next guy needs to step up," wrote Taylor Beckett '17 in an email to The Phillipian. The team hopes to make some minor adjustments and continue to work hard at holding assignments, perfecting plays and working together in practice throughout the week. "People realized they had to step up and take positions as leaders on the team, which I think will help us carry on and win more games," said Belluche.

Andover has had a promising season, and their hard work finally payed off as a win against Cushing on Saturday. As players get healthier, the team looks to continue improving away at Suffield on Saturday.

"Suffield is big. They are huge. They are bigger than we are up front, but our big guys are quick, so we're going to try and [outrun] them. We are hoping that our quickness can neutralize their size. We hope to be the matador rather than the bull," Modeste said.

Dewitt Burnham '16 (left) and John Simourian '16 (right) celebrate

FOOTBALL
Boys Unable to Find End Zone

Andover Football suffered its fourth loss of the season, 32-0, to Suffield Academy on Saturday.

"The most positive thing about the game was that no one got hurt. There were no more injuries, so everyone that was out there on Saturday should be at practice this week," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

Dane Wagner '15 contributed an extra point block, but Andover's turnover woes extended into Saturday's game, with the team giving up more turnovers than it generated. In its only win of the season, Andover generated five turnovers and had no turnovers itself against Cushing last Saturday.

"If you give the other team the ball four times in the first half — three in the first quarter alone — you won't win. They were really bad interceptions — like not even close. We were throwing where only their team could catch the ball," said Modeste.

By halftime, Suffield led 27-0.

Andover played Dewitt Burnham '16, Travis Lane '18 and Elijah Aladin '15 at quarterback, but all three struggled to kickstart a stagnant offense. The trio of quarterbacks combined to complete six of 27 passes for 45 yards and four interceptions.

"Our passing game was non-existent, and we could not move the ball on offense," wrote Max Anthony '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

Post-Graduates Brendon Misterman '15, Mike Panepinto '15, JR McLaughlin '15 and Nick Forti '15 were unable to play due to injury. With four players who handle seven different positions combined on offense and defense, Andover was missing almost one third of its starting lineup against Suffield.

"I think this team can be really good when we are healthy. Injuries have just derailed us," wrote Keegan Cummings '17 in an email to The Phillipian.

"We need everyone to get healthy going forward, so we can finish off the season strong," wrote Captain Rob Needham '15 added.

Andover will play Deerfield at home on Saturday. Deerfield holds a 2-3 record

John Simourian '16 cuts around the opposing team's lineman

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Andover Holds Strong in Final Quarter to Claim Second Win

Early in Andover Football's game against Deerfield, Jack Belluche '16 read the play of the Deerfield's quarterback, stepped in front of the intended receiver and intercepted the ball. He saw nothing but green standing between him and the end-zone and sprinted to the goal line, scoring a touchdown to push Andover's lead to 12-0.

"I saw the quarterback stare down his receiver, and I just took advantage of his poor decision," wrote Belluche in an email to The Phillipian. Belluche's pick-six catapulted Andover to its largest offensive output of the season, helping to down Deerfield 32-24. The win improved Andover's record to 2-4. In addition to Belluche's score, Max Anthony '15 added two touchdowns, John Simourian '16 had one and Nick Forti '15 scored another late in the game. "We were able to move the ball very effectively. Our offense executed very well, and our defense played outstanding," wrote Anthony in an email to The Phillipian. Andover led 18-3 at halftime, only the second time Andover has led at halftime this season. Andover's defensive line put consistent pressure on the quarterback. Captain Rob Needham '15 recorded three sacks, and AJ McFarlane '15 tacked on one more. Noah Ward '17 added a hurry and a batted pass.

"Our defensive line put on a good pass rush, got some sacks and pressured the quarterback to throw some bad passes. I just happened to slip through and I got my hands up to block the pass," wrote Ward in an email to The Phillipian. "The offense amassed 301 total yards, 236 of which came on the ground. "Both [Jumaane Ford '16] and [Anthony] rushed for 100 yards each, which we haven't had in a long time from two different backs. That really contributed to our offensive success," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

The team saw that it had a size advantage over Deerfield and capitalized on that opportunity."Their line was a lot smaller than the other lines we have faced, and they weren't very fast either. Our line was a lot heavier and faster which allowed us to dominate them," said Cameron Fryer '15 in an email sent to The Phillipian.

Needham added, "It was really a team win. We got a couple guys back from injury, and it made a huge difference." With Andover's confidence at a season-high, the team hopes to carry its momentum into next week and the rest of the season."We have to continue to work on staying healthy and executing plays efficiently so that we can defeat our upcoming opponents — especially Exeter," said Belluche. Andover will have its hands full with a talented 4-2 Worcester Academy team this Saturday. This game will be Andover's last game before squaring off against Exeter in two weeks.

Jack Belluche '16 had two interceptions and one touchdown in Andover's win.

SPORTS
FOOTBALL
Defensive Resurgence Stifles Exeter's Offense for Triumph

Facing a crucial fourth-and-15 late in the first half, Travis Lane '18 heaved a long pass over the defense to tight end Nick Forti '15, who snagged the ball at the five-yard line and waltzed into the endzone untouched. The connection between Lane and Forti propelled Andover Football to a 13-6 lead in the second quarter, which Andover held on to for a 13-12 victory over Exeter.

The win improved Andover's record to 3-5. For the second straight year, Andover defeated Exeter with a final score of 13-12. Andover has 71 wins to Exeter's 54 in the history of the rivalry.

On Andover's second drive of the game, Mike Panepinto '15 bowled over several tacklers on his way to the goal line and scampered 35 yards for Andover's first score. The extra point from James Flynn '16 after Panepinto's run proved to be the difference between the two rivals.

Much like last year, this year's game was a defensive struggle. While the game originally seemed to have the makings of a shootout after both teams scored twice in the first 18 minutes, the second half featured zero combined points and one final Andover defensive stop.

With about 30 seconds left in the game, Andover shut down an Exeter fourth-and-15 by stopping their final drive. Andover's defense generated pressure on Exeter's quarterback, forcing him to throw the ball short of his intended receiver. Exeter's slip-up handed Andover the game.

"They had a big group of good players, but our front five guys provided a strong performance throughout the entire game," wrote Forti in an email to The Phillipian.

Andover had seven sacks in total: four from Max Anthony '15, two from Cameron Fryer '15 and one from Dane Wagner '15.

Anthony had two critical sacks on Exeter's final drive. One of those sacks was deep inside Exeter territory and nearly forced a safety.

Anthony and Wagner led the team with 12 tackles apiece and were followed closely by Jack Belluche '16 and Fryer with eight apiece.

"We had great numbers. Our defense stood up throughout, and we answered when we needed to," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

Andover displayed offensive prowess by running the ball and creating consistent pressure on the defense. Andover spent the majority of its offensive possessions in opponent territory.

Panepinto spearheaded the offense with 187 rushing yards and a touchdown, and he split time with Anthony, who added 89 yards of his own. Brendon Misterman '15 rushed for 15 yards and had a 60-yard kickoff return in the first half to set up Lane's touchdown pass.

"Exeter was a good team, but we thought that running right at them would be very effective. Our offensive line and running backs played [well] all year. I knew that when I threw the ball I needed to try to make something happen to make the defense stay honest," wrote Lane in an email to The Phillipian.

Modeste added, "The biggest improvements for the season were running the ball and our quarterback position. Our quarterbacking improved throughout the season. [Lane] grew up a lot."

Despite suffering a multitude of injuries throughout the season, Andover had a relatively healthy core for the Exeter game.

"The first game where we had everyone ready to go was this Saturday, but on the other hand, a lot of young kids got to play and that bodes well for the future. A lot of Lowers, Uppers and, of course, [Lane] got to play, which will make us better down the road," said Modeste.

After finishing a somewhat lackluster season and following last year's undefeated season, Andover will look for greater success in 2015 under the leadership of newly elected Co-Captains John Simourian '16 and Dewitt **Burnham '16.**

Mike Panepinto '15 had his way with Exeter's defense, amassing 187 yards on 25 carries.

5:45 P.M. Phelps Stadium

Football

Although Andover Football holds the historical edge over Exeter with a record of 70-54-10, this classic rivalry will be a competitive and evenly-matched battle.

"Numbers may suggest that we are the stronger team, but all bets are off when we play Exeter," wrote AJ McFarlane '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

With identical records of 2-5, the game between Andover and Exeter is projected to be close. Both teams have their wins against Deerfield and Cushing. Regardless of record, every year, each team brings its best efforts to the ultimate game of the season.

Andover will be looking out for Exeter's quarterback, Keaton Dunsford PEA '15, who has provided the team with offensive stability. Andover leans heavily on its rushing attack, while Exeter is more of a passing team. This will leave each team's defense room to show its strengths.

Last year, Andover pulled out a late victory on the back of Ryder Stone '14 and his touchdown run with less than a minute left. If the records and teams' performances this year are any indication, this year's contest could be just as exciting.

"I am excited to play with that kind of an atmosphere against a good team and have a chance to win. I'm excited to see all the fans there and have a lot of fun," said Taylor Beckett '17.

With a 2-3 record at home Andover is looking forward to the home field advantage.

"It's going to be a bit of a chess match – if you see Exeter running the ball, we are doing a good job. If we have to pass, they are doing well," said Head Coach Leon Modeste. "I' glad it's a home game, because we have played our best ball at home."

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FOOTBALL

After three unsuccessful attempts from the half-yard line, Max Anthony '15 squeezed through a hole opened up by the offensive line to score his — and the team's — second touchdown of Andover Football's game on Saturday against Worcester.

"It was hard to move the ball up front, but it was a great feeling. Our line pushed everyone around and opened up a hole for me, so it was pretty easy to find the end zone," said Anthony.

Anthony's touchdown narrowed the deficit to only one-point by halftime, 14-13. Despite a strong start, Andover was unable to drum up any semblance of momentum in the second half, falling victim to a 21-0 run by Worcester that left Andover down 35-13 to Worcester.

Head Coach Leon Modeste said, "We had a couple of breaks, and they were passing too much, which kept us in the game, because we did pretty [well against their passes]."

By the second half, Worcester's offense developed an effective strategy against Andover.

"When they took the ball and they took their big guys and just pounded straight ahead, we had no answer for it. We just couldn't stand up to it. They were physically overpowering. They realized what they needed to do, and they shoved it down our throats," said Modeste.

Andover's offense struggled to move the ball consistently at many points throughout the game.

Between Andover's two quarterbacks, Taylor Beckett '17 and Travis Lane '18, there were two completed passes for a total of 20 yards.

"The positives were that we [could] use both of our young quarterbacks. We have two baby blue quarterbacks: one is in tenth grade and the other in ninth grade," Modeste said.

Andover's run game was successful when the line created opportunities for the team. Andover had a total of 156 yards.

Mike Panepinto '15 rushed for 70 yards, Anthony for 60 and Jack Belluche '16 for 16.

AJ McFarlane '15 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "The defense played excellent, keeping it close the entire time."

The defense had a total of 47 tackles during the game: eight by Noah Ward '17, seven by McFarlane, six by Foster Leboeuf '15 and five each from Captain Rob Needham '15 and Cameron Fryer '15.

The team remains optimistic as more players are recovering from their injuries. Andover expects to have a full team on Saturday.

"I am very excited, because this will be the first game all year that everyone is healthy," wrote Fryer in an email to The Phillipian.

The team will buckle down in practice in preparation for its matchup against Exeter at the annual Andover-Exeter contest this Saturday at home.

"We are on to Exeter. We need to have a strong week of practice and to execute Saturday," Needham wrote in an email to The Phillipian.

Andover hopes to open strong and feed off the support from its fans to secure a win against its age-old rival.

Travis Lane '18 splits time with DeWitt Burnham '16 at quarterback.

CAPTAINS FEATURE

Rob Needham '15

Andover Football's only four-year team member, Captain Rob Needham '15, is leading the charge to finish out the season on a high note after a rocky start.

Needham's unparalleled work ethic has set him apart in his four years on the team, and he has not let his play drop. He is leading the team on defense, with 20 tackles and six sacks in just three games. In addition to his usual role as an outside linebacker, he is seeing more and more time at right tackle, protecting the quarterback and igniting the running game.

Hailing from North Reading, M.A., Needham began playing football in second grade. These formative years on the football field proved valuable when Needham made the varsity team as a Junior at Andover.

During one of the first games that year, Needham injured his leg and was out for the rest of the season. When the next season rolled around, Needham proved himself as a defensive end and has been a crucial part of the starting lineup since.

"He came all the way back, and that's indicative of him," said Head Coach Leon Modeste.

Needham added, "It sucked, but realistically it showed me what Andover Football was really about. My first day back after I broke my leg and I came up to practice, every single person on the team came and shook my hand. I was a Junior, and all the older kids on the team just picked me up. That really taught me something about the kind of place this is."

That experience has shaped the way Needham views this team and his duty. "That circles back to where we are now," he said. "I won't say that winning isn't the most important thing, but, in order to win, you need to have that team chemistry and those bonds with every member of the team, new and old."

Needham loves the atmosphere of Andover Football and is particularly fond of Andover-Exeter weekend at the end of the season. "Every year you are guaranteed that game. It is bigger than most college games," said Needham.

Three games into the season, Andover Football has yet to take home a win, but Needham is not discouraged.

"We have to play angry," said Needham. "We've got to play like we can't lose again. Not that we don't want to lose again, but that we can't."

A natural leader, Needham motivates the team and creates a positive atmosphere, even when faced with adversity.

"Every week we go in and we say, 'This has to be our last loss.' That's the attitude going forward," continued Needham.

Needham is known to let his actions do the talking, rather than his words.

"He is not a loud 'rah-rah' guy," said Modeste. "He is one of those captains who doesn't have to say a lot but people follow him because of his work ethic."

Modeste went on to praise Needham's extensive skillset and industrious nature.

"People know him out there on the other team. He doesn't get frustrated. He just plays harder," said Modeste.

Needham's teammates are also quick to point out his strengths as a Captain and a player.

"He sets an example all the time, both on and off the field," said Maxwell Anthony '15.

Needham strives to incorporate everyone on the team, including the younger players.

"He makes the new guys so comfortable, not only being on the team, but being at Andover in general," said Rahmel Dixon '17, who joined the team after playing Junior Varsity last year .

Needham is not only a willing leader on the gridiron but also a role model for his teammates.

"[Needham] emails us all the time, keeping us straight [and discouraging us from] cutting classes and all that stuff," said Matt Whalen '16.

Even though the team is struggling to replicate last season's dominance, Needham plans to keep the team motivated and resilient in the face of defeat.

Needham added, "One thing I always try to keep on my mind is this quote from Vince Lombardi: 'Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser.'"

Rob Needham '15 was the only Junior to make the team in the 2011 season

Sport: Girls Varsity Soccer

Year: 2014

Captain: Elizabeth Kemp

Coach: Lisa Joel

Asst. Coach: Andrea Spano, Daniel Cadarette

SEASON RECORD

WON 10 LOST 5 TIED 3

LETTER WINNERS

Abric Durham
Chin, Cassandra
Dlesk, Nicole
Fenton, Jordyn
Garrity, Caroline
Hoang, Kaitlin
Humes, Sarah
Kemp, Elizabeth
LaMarche, Olivia
Marsh, Deyana
Masotti, Courtney
Mastrangelo, Savannah
Moreau, Jeanine
Moss, Kyle G.
Oasis, Zoe
Peterson, Tessa
Rockmore, Talia
Shipley, Caroline
Suarez, Natalia
Tammaro, Antonia
Thomas, Alexandra
Tomsik, Jacob
Yost, Kinsey

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Soccer Girls Varsity
2014 Roster

No	Name	Pos	Yr	Hometown
GK	Kemp, Elizabeth *	GK	2015	Greenwich, CT
GK	Tammaro, Antonia	GK	2017	Lynnfield, MA
2	Hoang, Kaitlin	B	2017	Acton, MA
3	Rockmore, Talia	M	2015	Loudonville, NY
4	Humes, Sarah	M	2016	Beaconsfield, QC, CAN
6	Humes, Alana	F	2015	Beaconsfield, QC, CAN
7	Masotti, Courtney	M	2017	Weston, MA
8	Oasis, Zoe	F	2017	Dover, MA
9	Mastrangelo, Savannah	B	2016	Middleton, MA
11	Suarez, Natalia	B	2017	Andover, MA
12	Fenton, Jordyn	F	2017	Andover, MA
13	Peterson, Tessa	M	2015	Nederland, CO
14	LaMarche, Olivia	M	2016	Lynnfield, MA
15	Chin, Cassandra	M	2017	Ipswich, MA
17	Shipley, Caroline	M	2016	Andover, MA
19	Moreau, Jeanine	B/M	2016	Litchfield, CT
20	Thomas, Alexandra *	B/F	2015	Concord, MA
22	Dlesk, Nicole	B	2017	Andover, MA
23	Garrity, Caroline	M/F	2015	Lynnfield, MA
24	Marsh, Deyana	B	2017	Middleton, MA
25	Yost, Kinsey	B	2015	Lake Oswego, OR

* Captains

Coach: Elisa Joel
Assistant Coaches: Elizabeth Monroe, Andrea Spano

Managers: Durham Abric '15, Kyle Moss '15, Jacob Tomsik '17

Girls Soccer Varsity
Schedule and Record

Record: 10-05-03

DATE/TIME	OPPONENT	H/A	TYPE	SCORE
9/10 @ 3:15 PM	Milton	H	Game	W 2-0
9/13 @ 2:15 PM	Rivers	A	Game	T 1-1
9/17 @ 2:30 PM	Middlesex	H	Game	W 4-1
9/20 @ 2:00 PM	Loomis	A	Game	T 1-1
9/22 @ 4:30 PM	Pingree School	H	Game	W 1-0
9/27 @ 3:30 PM	Tabor	H	Game	W 1-0
10/5 @ 12:30 PM	Choate	A	Game	L 1-2
10/8 @ 3:00 PM	Brooks	H	Game	L 0-1
10/11 @ 4:00 PM	St. Paul's	A	Game	W 1-0
10/15 @ 3:00 PM	Governor's Academy	H	Game	T 1-1
10/18 @ 2:30 PM	N.M.H.	A	Game	W 2-0
10/20 @ 4:45 PM	B. B. & N.	H	Game	W 2-0
10/22 @ 3:45 PM	Thayer	A	Game	CXL
10/25 @ 3:30 PM	Deerfield	H	Game	W 2-0
10/29 @ 3:45 PM	Noble & Greenough	A	Game	L 0-3
10/31 @ 6:00 PM	Lawrence Academy	H	Game	L 0-3
11/5 @ 2:45 PM	Worcester	H	Game	W 3-1
11/8 @ 3:30 PM	Exeter	H	Game	W 3-1
11/12 @ 2:00 PM	Westminster School	A	Tournament	L 1-2 (OT)

Girls Soccer
9/10/2014
Milton
Game – Smoyer
2-0
Captains lead GVS to season opening win
The GVS girls opened the 2014 season just two days after preseason came to a close with a strong win against a formitable Class A opponent Milton Academy. Knotted at 0-0 at the half, Andover found its way on the scoreboard in the second half. Captain Kinsey Yost ripped a direct kick from 40 yards out and new lower Zoe Oasis netted a second goal on an assist from Jeanine Moreau to assure a GVS win. Captain/goal-keeper Elizabeth Kemp earned the shutout with eight saves. Player of the game was center-back Kinsey Yost '15.
9/13/2014
Rivers
Game – Away
1-1
Andover ties Rivers
In a high-paced 80 minute match, the PA girls came home with a 1-1 result on the road at Rivers. Facing perhaps one of the toughest opponents of the season, the Andover girls raced out to an early 1-9 lead just 75 seconds after the first whistle. Olivia LaMarche found Caroline Shipley on the far post for a score.
In the second half of play, Rivers had a quick counter attack play to knot the score 1-1. Antonia Tammaro earned her first start in net this season and looked fantastic with 7 saves. Caroline Garrity created many dangerous chances up front for the Blue. Jeanine Moreau was named Player of the Game
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9/17/2014
Middlesex
Graves
4-1

New lower Zoe Oasis tallied two goals and one assist in the girls' first win on Graves Field of the 2014 season. Andover attacked Middlesex early creating numerous scoring chances and capitalizing on two in the first 20 minutes of play. Oasis notched the first on an assist from Captain Alex Thomas. Oasis' goal was by an assist. Oasis found post-graduate Talia Rockmore's who snagged her first GVS goal
In the 69th minute, Middlesex struck and brought the game to within one. GVS responded wth another Oasis goal on an assist from Olivia LaMarche. In the final minute of play, Natalia Suarez perfectly placed a corner kick into the far post netting. Andover continues unbeated after 3 games and a 2-0-1 record

9/27/2014
Tabor
Game
1-0

Blue blanks Tabor
Caroline Shipley strikes again on an assist from Sarah Humes to keep the Big Blue undefeated after six contests. Player of the game was awarded to Courtney Masotti.

10/5/2014
Choate
Game
1-2

GVS suffers first loss of the season
Andover dropped its first game of the season against undefeated Choate in a great battle of two fantastic teams. Natalia Suarez netted a Big Blue goal in final two minutes of play. The back line of Alex Thomas, Kinsey Yost, Deyana Marsh and Kaitlin Hoang and goalkeeper Antonia Tammaro did a phenomenal job of turning away the most dangerous offense we've seen to date. Kaitlin Hoang was awarded Player of the Match.

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By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15 found the net with a rocket from outside the box to score the first goal of the season and give Andover Girls Soccer a 1-0 lead over Milton in the 49th minute at home on Wednesday.

Then, with two minutes left on the clock, rookie forward Zoe Oasis '17 proved her athletic prowess as she juked the goalie and secured Andover's 2-0 season-opening victory.

This win helps build momentum to kick off Andover's season. Despite graduating five key Seniors, the revamped team with 14 returners is striving for success.

The team finished with a record of 7-8-3 last season, with several of its wins against top teams in the division. Some of the most notable graduated Seniors include last season's leading scorer Hannah Guzzi '14 and defensive powerhouse Diana Tchadi '14. To adjust to this drastic change, the team has added five new players and is looking to shift to a more defensive mindset, concentrating on winning the ball in the back and coordinating play from there, according to Head Coach Elisa Joel.

Several new recruits will bring a new dynamic to the team. Post-Graduate Talia Rockmore '15 will be on the starting lineup as a central midfielder, helping hold up the core of the team. Oasis will spearhead the team's attack, and Kaitlin Hoang '17 will boost the defense as an outside back. Midfielder Courtney Masotti '17 and defender Nikki Dlesk '17 have moved up from the Junior Varsity team.

"[Oasis] will be a powerhouse up front. She's really hungry to score and has a lot of soccer experience," said Co-Captain Alex Thomas '15.

The 2013 season featured a rather inexperienced defensive line and two new goalkeepers, Antonia Tammaro '17 and Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15. Now the back line is at full force, consisting of Natalia Suarez '17, Deyana Marsh '17, Thomas and Yost.

Joel said, "I actually think we could have one of the best back lines in prep school. I'm really excited. I think our strength is going to come from our back. It's a great place for strength to come from, and it gives the team a lot of confidence to attack."

Beyond the defensive side of the team, chemistry as a whole will be one of Andover's strong suits. Yost identifies creating an incredibly unified, well-meshed group as one of her and her Co-Captains' main goals.

Looking ahead to the season, the team is not primarily focused on winning silverware. Instead, Joal stressed Andover's mantra of playing one game at a time and the importance of defense.

"We've always had the mentality that we won't look beyond our next game, so I would like to see the team have one of the toughest defenses," said Joel. "I think that's a very reasonable goal, because we were so new last year in the back we conceded a lot in the back. My hope is that we will be tough to beat defensively."

"We all want to enjoy our last season together. [Andover Girls Soccer] feels like my family, and I believe that we will be successful this season if we work together," added Thomas.

The team will play the second game of its season on Saturday at Rivers.

Newcomer Claudia Leopold '18 saves the ball

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GIRLS SOCCER

The clock had just ticked past the minute mark when Caroline Shipley '16 found the back of the net against Rivers School on Saturday. Assisted by a pinpoint cross from Olivia LaMarche '16, the lightning-fast goal gave Andover Girls Soccer a 1-0 lead.

Andover played its best soccer against both Rivers and Middlesex, coming away with a tie and a win, respectively. Going into the match against Rivers, Andover knew it would be facing a formidable opponent after losing last year's match-up.

Head Coach Lisa Joel said, "I think, for the team, Rivers is considered one of our toughest and most talented opponents. It's really hard to play at Rivers [because] they have a small field and it's very fast. We always go into it knowing we have to play our best soccer."

These pre-game concerns quickly evaporated after only 75 seconds of play, when Shipley's goal set the tone for the rest of the game.

"I think the early goal allowed the team to play with confidence, especially after a tough loss to Rivers last year. Overall, we played with composure and created some dangerous offensive opportunities, supported by our back four who shut down Rivers's strikers time after time," wrote Shipley in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Rivers evened the score at the start of the second half, but Andover remained steadfast. As a center midfielder, Jeanine Moreau '16 created countless offensive opportunities while also playing lockdown defense on the other end of the field.

"In center midfield, I worked on distributing the ball out wide and switching the field of play to create open space," wrote Moreau in an email to *The Phillipian*. "All of the girls worked really hard and fought until the end."

Against Middlesex, Andover's relentless attack proved to be too much for its opponents to handle, earning the team a 4-1 victory on Wednesday.

Zoe Oasis '17 scored within ten minutes of the game after receiving a perfectly threaded pass by Alex Thomas '15. A calm finish into the bottom left corner was all Andover needed to go up 1-0.

Just before the half, Oasis found Talia Rockmore '15 with a cross from the right side of the field. Rockmore capitalized and buried the ball in the goal to give the team a two-goal lead.

In the 69th minute of regulation time, Middlesex managed to slip a goal into the back of the net, leaving the score at 2-1 with 11 minutes to go.

Andover, however, responded with two additional goals of its own, as Oasis found the net for the second time. Natalia Suarez '17 bent a corner kick into the goal to finish off Andover's offensive spree.

Andover constantly pressured Middlesex's defense throughout the match. Led by forward Caroline Garrity '15, this offensive-oriented strategy was very successful.

"We played a good amount of the game in their half of the field. Our goal was to create a lot of offensive opportunities. I think [Garrity] had an extraordinarily exciting game. The pressure and the challenges she put on inside the box created tremendous amounts of offensive opportunities for us," said Joel.

In an email to *The Phillipian,* Garrity wrote, "In practice we've been working on controlling the ball in the midfield and taking shots by the [18-yard line]. These past few days have been focused on quick ball movement and creating space to open up the field... Because of our hard work this week, we were able to capitalize and come away with a well-deserved win."

For future games, Andover looks to create a stronger link between the defense and the forwards. The solidified defense should have no trouble distributing the ball to its strikers.

Andover will face Loomis Chaffee on Saturday and hopes to continue its winning streak.

Talia Rockmore '15 finished a cross from Zoe Oasis '17 against Middlesex to put Andover up 2-0

GIRLSSOCCER

Olivia LaMarche '16 shields the ball from a Pingree defender

Natalia Suarez '17 passes the ball out from the back.

Caroline Garrity '15 wove her way through a crowded defense and fired a shot into the left corner of the goal. Her shining solo effort evened the score for Andover Girls Soccer in its 1-1 draw with Loomis Chaffee on Saturday.

Getting off to a rocky start, Andover conceded a goal in the first 20 minutes. The team struggled to keep possession of the ball and allowed Loomis to create many offensive opportunities.

After the first goal, goalkeeper Antonia Tammaro '17 stonewalled the Loomis attack to keep Andover in the game through the first half before Garrity's equalizer.

While Andover escaped without a loss, Head Coach Lisa Joel noted that the team did not perform to its full capacity. "It wasn't a great game for either side. Both teams were trying to put it together, but no one was in a flow," she said.

"Loomis is always a tough competitor every year, and we look forward to playing them. They're aggressive and have some really talented players. Although we started off a little slow, we quickly picked up the pace knowing that it was going to be a close game," said Garrity in an email to *The Phillipian.*

Joel continued, "It's a good outcome to go down to Loomis on a big weekend and tie against a team that is perennially the best, so we'll take that outcome."

After the gritty tie on Saturday, Andover found its footing in a 1-0 win on Monday against Pingree.

Caroline Shipley '16 provided all the offensive skills necessary with a 68th-minute goal to put Andover up 1-0.

With the ball bouncing around in the box, Shipley put her body on the ball and redirected it into the goal, sealing the win for Andover.

Andover controlled the pace with a blistering transition attack on the wings and smothering defense led by Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15 and Deyana Marsh '17.

"Most of our success came from quick transitions from defense and getting the ball out wide to look for crosses into the box. We also created a lot of opportunities in front of the net by slotting the ball through to one of our forwards and were unlucky not to score more goals this way," said Olivia LaMarche '16 in an email to *The Phillipian.*

She continued, "After the first ten minutes, we found our groove and began stringing passes together, playing the ball seamlessly around our opponent."

Building off the dominant performance against Pingree, Andover will look for a victory at home against Tabor on Saturday

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GIRLS SOCCER

Girls Keep Undefeated Streak Intact

Midway through the second half, Caroline Shipley '16 hammered home a heat-seeking cross from Sarah Humes '16 to score the lone goal in a 1-0 Andover win over Tabor on Saturday. Andover Girls Soccer came into the game eager to bounce back from last year's 3-0 loss to Tabor, the defending NEPSAC Class B Champions.

Andover faced a dilemma before the game: Starting goalkeeper Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15 would be out of town for much of the game, and Antonia Tammaro '17 was injured. Tammaro ended up persevering through the first half in spite of her injury before Kemp was able to take charge for the second, rushing directly to the field from the airport to relieve Tammaro.

Andover's defense and goalkeeping have played up to Head Coach Elisa Joel's early expectations from the beginning of the season. The game against Tabor represented the team's third shutout of the season, and Andover has allowed only three goals in six games.

Against Tabor, the back four concentrated on performing as one coordinated unit, with Kaitlin Hoang '17 as outside back and Co-Captains Alex Thomas '15 and Kinsey Yost '15 as crucial defensive players.

Offensively, Andover's mentality focused on possession and switching the ball across the field. True to recent form, Andover maintained a steady stream of crosses into the box throughout the game, which finally paid off with Shipley's goal. Several talented outside midfielders facilitated these opportunities.

"[The] player of the game was midfielder Courtney Masotti '17, who earned great minutes on the flank and provided numerous dangerous crosses into the box," said Joel in an email to *The Phillipian*.

The same midfield that fired so many enticing crosses, however, struggled to win balls out of the air. The team also lost the ball in many 50-50 situations and allowed Tabor to grab possession.

Andover's strikers have proven to be prolific goal scorers, and the defense is remarkably sturdy. The midfield, the crucial link between the two, will need to control possession and dictate the pace of the game for Andover to find success in its future matches.

Although the game was not perfect, the win, especially against such a formidable opponent, served as a massive confidence boost for the team.

"Pulling out a 1-0 victory, despite being faced with keeper problems, couldn't have felt better. The team is psyched, and we are [going] into this upcoming game against Choate with a great, positive and confident mentality." said Yost.

Choate will be one of the toughest opponents Andover will face all season, as both teams boast an undefeated record. Andover will bring its confidence to Connecticut on Sunday and hopes to end Choate's winning streak.

Tessa Peterson '15 stops a pass in front of a Tabor defender

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GIRLS SOCCER

Andover Drops Two Close Games

As time wound down in Andover Girls Soccer's game against Choate on Sunday, Natalia Suarez '17 smashed a perfectly placed volley into the back of the net against Choate. The late goal was not enough to save the game, however, and Andover ultimately fell 2-1.

Heading into the game, both teams were undefeated powerhouses in the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC). Andover struggled at the beginning of the game to find its groove, and the potent Choate offense immediately took advantage of Andover's sluggishness to control the pace of the game.

Goalkeeper Antonia Tammaro '17 said, "I don't think it was a matter of a bad defensive job. Our backs did a phenomenal job. The only obstacle was that the Choate offense was arguably the best [offense] we've faced. We knew [going] into the game that the ball would be in our half the majority of the time. The few times the Choate offense broke through, they capitalized on their chances and came at the goal aggressively."

Andover's defensive line, consisting of Co-Captain Alex Thomas '15, Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15, Deyana Marsh '17 and Kaitlin Hoang '17, worked to contain Choate's offense, but Choate managed to slip in two goals before Andover could respond.

Because of Choate's constant offensive pressure, Andover found it hard to connect passes and play the ball smoothly out of its defensive end. Eventually, the team regained its composure and began to create opportunities on the other side of the field, which finally culminated in Suarez's redeeming goal. Choate eventually handed Andover its first loss of the season.

The team hoped to bounce back from its tough loss by playing Brooks at home on Wednesday, but Brooks walked away with a narrow 1-0 victory after scoring an early goal.

"I would actually say our defense played pretty [well]. Both teams had swings of control, so I would say overall it was pretty even possession-wise. Our trouble was creating enough offense. We didn't get as many shots off as we would have liked to," said Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

The same offensive woes Andover experienced against Choate continued in the game against Brooks, as they allowed Brooks to dictate the tempo of the game and prohibited Andover from generating smooth, attacking plays.

The loss was a good learning opportunity for Andover, and it allowed several players to gain more experience on the field. Jordy Fenton '17 and Savannah Mastrangelo '16 both added a spark to the team's struggling offense. The recent losses have the team hungry to improve in the future.

Head Coach Elisa Joel said, "We're a great soccer team, [but] we have to execute. We have to be able to play when the chips are down. Any team can play well when things are going well, so I think the takeaway is we have to be able to play well when things aren't going our way."

Andover hopes to return to its winning ways at St. Paul's tomorrow.

Caroline Shipley '16 pushes the Andover attack forward against a stingy Brooks defense.

GIRLS SOCCER

Defense Holds Strong in Win and Draw

After suffering its first losses of the season last week, Andover Girls Soccer to a 0-0 tie until striker Zoe Oasis '17 swiftly collected a cross from Natalia Suarez '17 midway through the second half. She slotted the ball past the keeper, giving Andover a 1-0 win over St. Paul's on Saturday.

"Winning against St. Paul's was crucial for the confidence of the team. We had played so well against Choate and were still unable to come up with a win, and that really affected us against Brooks, so I was very pleased to get a result on Saturday," Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15 wrote in an email to The Phillipian.

The team was plagued with injuries going into the game. Co-Captain Alex Thomas '1S, a critical component of the team's defense, was unable to play after badly spraining her ankle last week, and goalkeeper Antonia Tammaro '17 still felt the effects of a lingering foot injury.

Despite these setbacks, Andover quickly found its groove. After failing to control possession against Choate and Brooks last week, the team dictated the pace of the game against St. Paul's by generating offensive opportunities and distributing the ball.

"It was one of the first times where our defense, midfield and strikers began to link up and understand what each was going to do before they did it. We began to communicate and play in sync. We focused on playing our game and playing one- and two-touch [soccer] and playing as a team," said Suarez.

The girls brought confidence from the close win over St. Paul's to its matchup on Wednesday against Governor's, but despite controlling the game for the final S0 minutes, Andover ended up with a 1-1 tie against Governor's.

Boasting an impressive record of 7-1 going into the game, Governor's had advanced to the semifinals of the New England Preparatory Schools Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) Girls Soccer Tournament last season and proved to be just as formidable on Wednesday.

After getting off to a slow start and allowing Governor's to score first, Andover responded moments before the first half ended. Yost wove her way through the defense and threaded the ball to Caroline Garrity '1S, who smashed the ball just past the outstretched arms of the goalkeeper to tie the game at 1-1.

After the goal, Andover's timidness disappeared in the second half. Immediately after play restarted, Andover seized possession and refused to give up the ball for the rest of the game. The team worked together to win the ball and keep possession, effectively locking Governor's in its own defensive end for the final half.

"We played very well and switched the field a lot. Our back line stayed in one unit, and they were great with the offsides trap. Our center midfielders did an awesome job in winning the ball out of the air," said Oasis.

Despite peppering the goal with shots and maintaining constant pressure on the Governor's backline during the final half, Andover failed to find a game winner.

Andover's record stands at S-2-3. The team travels to Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) on Saturday and looks to come home with a win over a shaky 1-2-S NMH team.

ANDOVER SPORTS AT A GLANCE

Sports	Record	Results From Previous Wk.
Girls Cross Country	2 - 0 - 0	win 23-32 Boys Cross
Country	3 - 0 - 0	win 20-42
Field Hockey	9- 0- 1	win 3-2 win 3-0
Football	1 – 3 – 0	win 20-6 Boys Soccer
Boys Soccer	6 – 1 - 4	win 4-3 tie 1-1
Girls Soccer	5 – 2 – 3	win 1-0 tie 1-1
Girls Bolleyball	6 – 3 – 0	win 3-0 loss 3-1
Boys Water Polo	6 – 4 – 0	win 12-9 win 12-9

GIRLS SOCCER
Girls Triumph Under the Lights

Caroline Garrity '15 darted past the keeper and tapped the ball into the back of the net to cap off Andover Girls Soccer's 2-0 win against Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) on Saturday. The victory boosted Andover's record to 6-2-3.

Taking on a 1-2-5 NMH squad without Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15, both Savannah Mastrangelo '16 and Nikki Dlesk '17 stepped up to fill the void on defense.

"Playing without one of our main Senior leaders was definitely difficult, but we adjusted very well. Deyana Marsh ['17] really stepped up and became a true leader for the team. Everyone just made sure to really listen to each other and communicate really well so we knew what was going on [on] the field," said Dlesk.

Andover jumped out to an early lead. Jeanine Moreau '16 put Andover up 1-0 within 15 minutes, deftly controlling a pass from Sarah Humes '16 before slotting it into the net. Just five minutes into the second half, Garrity scored on a flick by Zoe Oasis '17 to seal the victory.

On the defensive end of the field, the makeshift line proved to be resilient throughout the game and was able to maintain a shutout.

Filled with confidence after the win against NMH, the team welcomed BB&N to a match under the lights in Phelps Stadium on Monday night. Andover ultimately emerged with another 2-0 victory after two goals in the second half.

A relatively stagnant first half saw possession evenly distributed between both sides. Ten minutes into the second half, however, returning Yost whipped a 30-yard freekick into the side netting to put Andover up 1-0.

The goal re-energized the team, and Andover started to control possession. The midfield created several opportunities around the box, while the defensive line worked hard to contain BB&N in its own half.

Andover's second goal came in the dying minutes of the game, when Garrity spearheaded the counterattack off of a BB&N corner kick. After running nearly the length of the entire field, Garrity danced past the opposing goalkeeper and tucked the ball away for a goal.

Head Coach Elisa Joel attributes the team's recent success to several key Seniors that glue the team together.

"This team, inspired by the Seniors, does not stop fighting. Our Senior keeper [Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15] came out for really important saves and had steady hands throughout the game. Garrity is an absolute engine up front, and it's really hard to stop her. The Seniors are part of the secret here. We're successful because we're a true team, and the Seniors are a huge part of that," said Joel.

Andover will face an aggressive Deerfield team at home on Saturday.

Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15 (center) celebrates the win with her teammates

Caroline Garrity '15 jukes her defender. She had two goals this week.

GIRL SSOCCER

Quick Strikes Propel Andover To Win Against Deerfield

Caroline Shipley '16 latched onto a pinpoint pass from Zoe Oasis '17 and hammered the ball home to give Andover the 1-0 lead against Deerfield on Saturday. Andover would go on to win 2-0 in front of a crowd of cheering parents during Family Weekend.

Andover came out firing against Deerfield and managed to score both of its goals in the first half. Not long after Shipley notched the first goal of the game, she assisted Caroline Garrity '15 to secure Andover's win.

Jordy Fenton '17 set up the play, threading a ball down the sideline for Shipley. Shipley crossed it into the box and Garrity finished with clinical precision to cap off a successful first half. The two early goals gave the team confidence for the rest of the game.

Although Andover did not score any more goals, it maintained constant offensive pressure throughout the match. The midfield played a crucial role in Andover's performance: it connected well with the defense and distributed the ball effectively, while simultaneously limiting Deerfield's offense. Olivia LaMarche '16 enjoyed a particularly strong game as the center midfielder.

"[LaMarche] was marking [Deerfield's] best and most technical player and was able to shut her down, which was key," said Shipley in an email to The Phillipian.

Coming off of a strong showing on Saturday, Andover headed to Nobles & Greenough on Wednesday to extend its winning streak. The team did not expect an easy game, as Nobles brought an impressive record of 7-0-1 to the field. Despite a gritty performance, Andover fell 3-0.

After conceding a goal in the first half, Andover struggled to maintain an even playing field. Nobles's potent attack proved to be too much for Andover's defense to handle, while Andover's offense struggled to create opportunities and equalize.

Savannah Mastrangelo '16 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "Nobles is a very good team with a consistent skill level at all 11 positions. They had 11 seniors and many future college players. Once they scored the first two goals they had the high skill level and momentum that we couldn't match."

Even though Andover was unable to score, the challenging game highlighted the team's mental resilience. Led by its captains, Andover refused to sit back and let Nobles dominate the game.

"They played really good soccer and had a similar style of play to us. It was really well fought, and no one gave up or put their head down. [Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15] had an awesome game and showed a lot of leadership," said Cassie Chin '17 in an email to The Phillipian.

Andover's record now stands at 8-3-3. The team will welcome Lawrence Academy at home on Friday in hopes of bouncing back from its shutout defeat.

Zoe Oasis '17 has been an integral part of Andover's offense this season

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Exeter

Racing down the field, Talia Rockmore '15 threaded the ball through Worcester Academy's defenders to Caroline Garrity '15, who slammed the ball into the back of the net to cap off a decisive 3-1 win for Andover Girls Soccer on Wednesday.

This win avenged Andover's previous 4-1 loss to Worcester last season.

An uneventful first half ended with a score of 0-0. Possession remained relatively even, and both teams created a handful of offensive opportunities.

The pace picked up in the second half, however, as Andover finally cracked Worcester's defense 16 minutes in. Sarah Humes '16 touched the ball to Caroline Shipley '16 inside the 18-yard box, and Shipley buried it in to put Andover up 1-0.

Worcester responded only minutes later off of a counterattack to even the score.

The scoreline tipped again in Andover's favor with ten minutes left, when Andover won a corner kick. The ball bounced around the box several times before Jeanine Moreau '16 got her foot onto it and tucked it away to make the score 2-1.

Four minutes later, the referee awarded a penalty kick to Worcester. A crucial save from Antonia Tammaro '17, who lunged to her left and blocked the shot, preserved Andover's lead. Garrity scored Andover's third goal, immediately after the penalty.

"We really wanted to get back at them for last year. The focus was that we wanted to create a lot of offensive pressure. I'm really proud of the girls and all the offensive stress they put on the other team with numbers on the box. We could've scored another couple goals, but to put three into the net is great," said Head Coach Lisa Joel.

Earlier in the week, Andover fell to Lawrence Academy in a 3-0 loss on Friday, Andover's fourth loss of the season. A relatively quiet first half saw a lone goal from Lawrence, but the teams remained even throughout. Possession changed sides countless times, and the ball bounced back and forth between the opposing halves. Andover created several offensive opportunities but struggled to finish in the final third of the field. Ultimately, Andover was not able to handle Lawrence's unrelenting offensive pressure and allowed Lawrence to score two unanswered goals in the second half.

"We created ample offensive opportunity, with chances deep into their box, but struggled to convert. Lawrence's skilled frontrunners played relentlessly, which wore hard on our team as time ran out for us to score," wrote Tessa Peterson '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

Lawrence began to box Andover into its own half, and the midfield struggled to distribute the ball forward. Although the final scoreline was rather lopsided, Andover's spirits remained high and the team was confident about bouncing back from the tough loss.

"I think the score did not reflect the competition between our teams. The most important takeaway from the game will be to work on being first to every ball. It is always remarkable to me that our team can walk away from an unfortunate loss like that without blaming one another," added Peterson.

On Saturday, Andover will welcome its perennial rival Exeter to a heated matchup at Andover-Exeter 2014..

Talia Rockmore '15 boots the ball from the midfield in Andover's game under the lights on Friday

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With experienced Co-Captains Kinsey Yost '15, Alex Thomas '15 and Elizabeth Kemp '15 at the helm, Andover Girls Soccer has enjoyed a successful season so far. The team boasts a 9-4-3 record and held several key victories against top teams, including Choate and Tabor.
Exeter, on the other hand, has been struggling this season with a 2-14-1 record. Historically the matchups between Andover and Exeter are relatively even-sided. For the past two years, Andover and Exeter have battled it out to a 1-1 tie.
"We've had a good run against Exeter in my time here. Records don't seem to matter going into the game, but I would say we have the edge head-to-head. Over the last couple of years we've had some ties, and that doesn't feel good. Even though I think we're the favored team, we're going to have to play a great game of soccer and stay really focused. It would be great to the finish the season with ten wins," said Head Coach Lisa Joel.

3:30 P.M. Smoyer Field

The Seniors on the team — Yost, Thomas, Kemp, Alana Humes '15, Caroline Garrity '15, Tessa Peterson '15 and Talia Rockmore '15 — are looking to cap off their successful Andover soccer careers with a final win.
Thomas, who will be missing the game due to injury, wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "It could potentially be our last time playing soccer for Andover (hopefully not if we make the tournament). It could be our last time playing with the team that has become our second family. All of the Seniors are feeling incredibly nostalgic already. Lisa always gives the last few minutes of [Andover-Exeter] to the Seniors so we can just enjoy playing with each other."
"Senior A/E is something I have been waiting for since the first time I stepped out onto the field my Junior year. This year, on our home turf, we are going to wreck the Ex, and it couldn't be a better squad that I have the pleasure of walking out onto Smoyer with for the last time," said Yost.

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Girls Trump Exeter, Fall After Sudden Death Overtime Goal

Darting into the box, Jeanine Moreau '16 connected with a cross from Kaitlin Hoang '17 and hammered the ball into the back of the net to score Andover Girls Soccer's second goal in five minutes against Exeter. The team would go on to pull off a resounding 3-1 victory on Saturday and secure itself a playoff spot for the NEPSAC 2014 Class A Tournament. In the tournament, Andover fell short of Westminster in a heartbreaking 2-1 loss in overtime.

Andover came out blazing against Exeter and scored two goals within the first ten minutes of the game. Caroline Garrity '1S opened the scoring with a well-placed shot from inside the 18-yard box, and Moreau followed up soon after.

"We definitely came out strong, and the two quick goals gave us a lot of energy, but we weren't able to get another goal in the first half. We were able to keep possession for most of the game, but there was a ten-minute spell after Exeter scored where we let them think they were back in the game," wrote Olivia LaMarche '16 in an email to The Phillipian.

Exeter managed to get onto the scoreboard just before the half ended to cut down Andover's lead. The teams remained locked in a battle for possession during the second half with good offensive chances coming from both sides.

Moments before the final whistle, Zoe Oasis '17 latched onto a pinpoint through-ball from Natalia Suarez '17. As the crowd held its breath, Oasis deftly threaded the ball through the keeper's legs to cap off the thrilling victory, which was Andover's first win in three years against Exeter.

With the win on Saturday, Andover clinched the fifth seed for the NEPSAC 2014 Class A Tournament. After failing to make playoffs last year, the team was excited to return.

Before the game, Caroline Shipley '16 said, "Since I was a new member to the team as a Lower last year, I've never experienced the playoffs. I'm super excited to see what it's all about. We're going to have to continue to do what we have done all season."

Andover played against fourth-seeded Westminster in its first playoff game on Wednesday. Despite a strong performance, Andover suffered a heartbreaking 2-1 loss in overtime.

During regulation time, Andover controlled possession and stifled Westminster's offensive opportunities. The team struggled to finish in the final third of the field after creating several opportunities.

In the 63rd minute, Alana Humes '15 forced Westminster to score on themselves with her pressure in Westminster's 18-yard box. At the end of the 90 minutes, the score of 1-1 pushed the teams into overtime.

Even in overtime, both teams struggled to break the deadlock. A penalty shootout was on the horizon when Westminster converted with only a minute left in overtime to abruptly end Andover's season.

Despite the tough loss, the team is still proud of its season and the tremendous improvement it saw during the tumultuous 2013 season.

Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15 said, "This season far exceeded my expectations. I did not expect to play as well as we did, let alone make it to the tournament. I am so proud of each and every one of the girls, and, if I could go back and do it all again, I wouldn't change a single second of it."

Caroline Garrity '1S scored one of three Andover goals on Saturday

Captains Feature

Co-Captains Kinsey Yost '15, Alex Thomas '15 and Elizabeth Kemp '15 anchor Andover Girls Soccer's defense. The three Captains have led the team to a playoff berth in a bid for the New England Championship.

Yost, a Senior from Lake Oswego, O.R., is a four-year member of the team. With years of soccer experience, Yost plays center-back to direct Andover's defensive line. "It's nice to know we have such a talented and confident player on defense," said Thomas.

On multiple occasions during the season, Yost has shown her versatility on the field. The strength of her shots makes Yost an offensive threat, and she often fulfills a midfielder's role on offense, playing from just outside of the penalty box.

Off the field, Yost has been the embodiment of team chemistry, which has made younger players feel more welcome on the team. "No matter the day she is having, [Yost] will always make you feel special," said Kemp. Caroline Shipley '16 said, "Kinsey's just a natural leader. She gets the team going, she gets us excited. She's so good at supporting everyone — even in the roughest games, she's one player who is always being positive."

Thomas, a Senior from Concord, M.A., and also a four-year team member, made the transition from striker to right back this season. The defensive line has stifled opposing offenses for the entire season, in large part due to the connection between the Co-Captains.

Similarly to Yost, Thomas has reached a great understanding of her teammates. "She knows exactly when and how to pump us up before a game or during halftime," said Savannah Mastrangelo '16.

Thomas also leads by example during games and practices. "She works hard and people follow in her footsteps because of that," said Yost.

One of Thomas's greatest traits is her versatility and adaptability. "Alex is such a good leader and a really good example of this happened early in the season this year. We had a gap in our defense and she had never played defense before while at Andover and Head Coach [Lisa] Joel put her back there at defense, and she's been doing a great job back there," said Shipley

Kemp came to Andover as a new Lower from Greenwich, C.T., and made the Varsity team as an Upper. With only a year of Andover soccer experience, Kemp proved herself as a leader and was elected Co-Captain at the end of last season.

As a goalkeeper, Kemp is responsible for commanding her team from the backfield. "She has such a strong presence from the back moving forward; everyone on the field feels a sense of strength knowing that [Kemp] is in net," said Yost.

Kemp also exudes a strong presence from inside goal. Shipley said, "We call [Elizabeth] Kemp 'mom,' because she's like the mama bear of the team. She's always looking out for everybody, and we can always depend on her. We love her a lot."

With Kemp in net and her Co-Captains orchestrating the wall in front of her, Andover has only allowed ten goals and compiled seven shutouts over 14 games.

The team has played to an 8-3-3 record. When asked about Andover's success thus far, the Co-Captains immediately credited Joel. "[Joel] picked a good group of girls, and we have meshed really well," said Yost.

After the vote last year, the team decided to elect three Captains instead of instituting the usual Co-Captaincy. "All three of the Captains were enthusiastic and supportive of everyone, promoting such a close and loving atmosphere both on and off the field," said Olivia LaMarche '16.

"Each Captain brings different leadership qualities to the team and [they] all compliment each other with their differences," added Mastrangelo.

After the three remaining regular season games, the three Captains will spearhead Andover's run into the playoffs.

Elizabeth Kemp

Alex Thomas

Kinsey Yost

GIRLS SOCCER

Post-Graduate Talia Rockmore '15 Bolsters Andover's Midfield

After tearing her ACL in her Senior year at the Albany Academy for Girls, Talia Rockmore '15 turned to Andover for one last year of high school soccer. The addition of "Albany's Most Valuable Player" and All-League Player has catapulted Andover Girls Varsity Soccer to one of its best starts in recent years: a six-game undefeated streak. Rockmore, who hails from Albany, N.Y., was unwilling to end her high school career early with a devastating injury that carries a grueling six- to nine-month recovery period. The attacking midfielder decided to take her talents east and found a place in Andover's starting 11.

"It is better quality soccer and the team is a lot closer," said Rockmore, whose previous league, the Colonial Council, featured mostly teams from Upstate New York private schools.

For a team that typically takes on only one Post-Graduate a year, Rockmore's innate leadership, consistent positivity and enthusiastic personality set her apart from previous soccer Post-Graduates.

"She brings a willingness and personality to mesh with our group of girls and become connected. That is important to me," said Head Coach Lisa Joel.

Rockmore has dove into this team of 14 returners and joined the core of seven Seniors seamlessly.

"[Rockmore] is in our starting lineup, and we haven't had an undefeated team for six games in a while. She is a part of that for sure," said Joel. Rockmore can help push Andover further than it has ventured before. With her experience, comes her flexibility and ability to cope with a wide variety of situations on the field.

"She brings veteran leadership ability. Experience means you understand the game and you have been put in high-pressure situations," said Joel.

With a dauntingly talented back four and consistent goal scorers in newcomer Zoe Oasis '17 and Caroline Shipley '16, Rockmore was the last piece of the puzzle. Her ease with the ball in the midfield makes her the perfect connection for the defense and attacking force.

"[Rockmore] brings a new sense of wisdom to the field that we haven't seen before. She opens up the field when we need to switch the point of attack. It is helpful to have someone in the midfield who has as many years of experience as she does," said Co-Captain Kinsey Yost '15.

An ancillary quality to her innate skill, Rockmore's experience has been consistently cited as one of her biggest selling points.

"I feel like my experience allows me to see and understand the game much better. I have good vision on the field and can understand the game tactically really well," said Rockmore.

Amongst other things, Rockmore claims her experience gives her a better eye for piercing through balls, stronger sense of positioning and more awareness of her opponents' weak points. She already has a goal to her name from Andover's 4-1 win over Middlesex.

"I want the team as a whole to be more aggressive offensively," said Rockmore.

This season, the team has been working to strengthen its midfield, and Rockmore has been a vital asset in this regard.

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"We are only starting to mesh as a team as one unit, to really attack as one," said Yost. With Rockmore playing a central role on Andover's undefeated side, the future is bright. A proven key player on the field, Rockmore will continue to aid Andover in its quest for an undefeated season.

"We are already outperforming last year's team," said Joel.

"It can only go up from here,"

Rockmore, a midfielder, brings experience to the team.

Sport: Boys Varsity Soccer

Year: 2014

Captains: Dylan Mott, Josh Murphy

Coach: Will Orben

Assistant Coach: Andrew Housiaux, Spencer Diamond

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Bakken, Peder
Bhathena, Darian
Cameron, Conner
Cutts, Morgan
Dall, Robert
Del Vecchio, Benjamin
Duquette, John
Dziadosz, Alexander
Figus, Orlando
Fischer, Ryan
Girard, Brandon
Griffin, Calvin
Heckendorn, Peter
Kister, Laura C.
Manos, Andreas G
Meyerrose, Henry
Mott,Dylan
Murphy, Joshua
Rabines, Roberto
Rauen, John
Reinisch, Benjamin
Swenson, Nicolas
Xenakis, Julianne

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Soccer Boys Varsity
2014 Roster

No.	Name	Pos	Yr	Hometown
GK	Fischer, Ryan	K	2016	Wilmington, MA
GK	Griffin, Calvin	K	2015	New York, NY
GK	Shim, Richard	K	2016	Seoul, Korea
3	Figus, Orlando	B	2016	Rome, ITA
4	Reinisch, Benjamin	B	2015	Troy, NY
5	Dall, Robert	B	2018	Cape Elizabeth, ME
8	Cameron, Conner	F	2015	Freeport, ME
9	Manos, Andreas	B	2016	Lincoln, MA
10	Mott, Dylan *	F	2015	Glen Ridge, NJ
11	Rabines, Roberto	M	2016	Topsfield, MA
12	Sandor, John	M	2017	Charlottesville, VA
14	Cutts, Morgan	B	2018	Allston, MA
15	Heckendorn, Peter	M	2017	Andover, MA
17	Swenson, Nicolas	M	2015	New York, NY
18	Murphy, Joshua *	M	2015	Red Bank, NJ
19	Dziadosz, Alexander	M	2016	Boxford, MA
20	Bhathena, Darian	B	2016	Andover, MA
24	Meyerrose, Henry	F	2017	Norwich, VT
26	Del Vecchio, Benjamin	B	2015	Salem, NH
27	Duquette, John	B	2015	Titusville, NJ
28	Bakken, Peder	B	2016	Seattle, WA
29	Rauen, John	B	2017	Yardley, PA
90	Girard, Brandon	F	2016	Beverly, MA

* Captains

Coach: Will Orben
Assistant Coaches: Spencer Diamond, Robbie McLeod

Managers: Laura Kister '16, Julianne Xenakis '16

Boys Soccer Varsity
Schedule and Record

Record: 8-3-7

DATE/TIME	OPPONENT	H/A	TYPE	SCORE
9/10 @ 3:15 PM	Noble & Greenough	A	Scrimmage	
9/12 @ 4:30 PM	St. Paul's	H	Game	W 5-1
9/17 @ 3:00 PM	Brooks	H	Game	W 4-1
9/20 @ 2:00 PM	Loomis	A	Game	T 0-0
9/24 @ 4:45 PM	Holderness	H	Game	T 1-1
9/27 @ 2:45 PM	Taft School	H	Game	T 2-2
9/29 @ 4:45 PM	B. B. & N.	A	Game	L 0-1
10/1 @ 4:00 PM	Bridgton Academy	H	Game	W 3-1
10/5 @ 12:30 PM	Choate	A	Game	W 3-2
10/8 @ 3:30 PM	Tabor	H	Game	W 5-1
10/11 @ 3:45 PM	Tilton	A	Game	W 4-3
10/13 @ 4:45 PM	Milton	A	Game	T 1-1
10/18 @ 2:30 PM	N.M.H.	A	Game	L 0-4
10/22 @ 3:30 PM	Cushing	H	Game	T 2-2
10/25 @ 3:30 PM	Deerfield	H	Game	W 5-0
10/29 @ 3:15 PM	Worcester	A	Game	L 1-4
11/1 @ 6:00 PM	K.U.A.	H	Game	T 0-0
11/5 @ 2:45 PM	New Hampton	A	Game	W 8-1
11/8 @ 5:30 PM	Exeter	H	Game	T 1-1

BOYS SOCCER

Defensive Struggles Show Early

A 4-1 loss to Nobles & Greenough in a scrimmage last Wednesday put a damper on the start of the season for Andover Boys Soccer.

The team's only goal came off a rebound off a shot from Brandon Girard '16, which Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 put away with ease. Throughout the game, Andover showed some weakness in its backline, something the team prided itself on last season.

"Our defense needs to get better. We also lost a few of our players like Andy Manos '16, Henry Meyerrose '17 and Conner Cameron '15 to injuries throughout preseason, and they didn't play in the scrimmage. They're all almost healthy now though," said Alex Dziadosz '16.

Despite the loss, the team still hopes to find the formula to repeat last year's undefeated regular season.

"I've been coaching high school soccer for 34 years, and it's the third time I've had a team that's been undefeated during the regular season. It just doesn't happen," said Bill Scott, the previous Head Coach who left the team on a high note after becoming the Head of the Math Department.

New Head Coach Will Orben has taken the reigns after coaching alongside Scott last season.

Looking to avenge its close 3-2 loss against Worcester Academy in the semifinals of New England Championships, the team has high hopes for the season.

"We want to win the title," said Murphy.

Whereas last year's team featured a nearly impenetrable back four in Murphy, Graeme Henderson '14, Kene Adigwe '14 and Andy Manos '16, this year's strengths can be found on offense. Dylan Mott '15, who was last year's leading scorer, looks to improve on his 18 goals from last season. With his blistering pace, Girard will add to the offensive threat, as evidenced by his role in Andover's only goal against Nobles.

"The end game would be to win it all, because up front we are going to be the most threatening team in the prep school league," said Girard.

Additionally, the team will transition to an offensive 4-3-3 after playing in a more standard 4-4-2 last season. The loss of eight Seniors, six of those starters, facilitated the change in formation.

"Hopefully we can have as good of a defensive shape and discipline as last year's team, and we should be good," said Murphy.

Postgraduates Ben Reinesch '15 and Culver Duquette '15 will fill in holes in the defense at outside and center-back respectively. Postgraduate Calvon Greff '15 and new Lower Ryan Fischer '17 have joined the team to fill the goalie position.

"The new PGs are great players, and have brought a lot of leadership and new talent to the team. They're some of the biggest and strongest guys on defense," said Meyerrose.

"We're going to have to rely on the younger students, which is going to change the whole team dynamic," added returning player John Sandor '17. Juniors Morgan Cutts '18 and Bobby Dall '18 will hope to find playing time at center-back

Andy Manos '16 is a two-year veteran member of Andover Boys Soccer

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Girard Scores Five of Nine Goals in Two Andover Wins

With three goals to his name coming into his third season, Brandon Girard '16 fully exploited the left flank as he doubled his Andover career goal tally with a hat-trick in the season-opening win for Andover Boys Soccer against St. Paul's last Friday.

"[Girard's] pace was the main factor of the game... If he is able to pick his moments like he did on Friday, our team will be hard to stop offensively," wrote Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Mott, who assisted one of Girard's goals, scored on a Girard cross with a spectacular diving header from the penalty spot for Andover's fourth goal.

Ben Reinesch '15 finished off the game with the team's fifth goal. Andover left the pitch with a 5-1 victory.

After a rocky 4-1 loss in a scrimmage to Noble and Greenough two days before playing St. Paul's, Andover decided to make some defensive changes for the season opener, moving Peter Bakken '16 to a defensive midfield position. Bakken was a crucial aspect of Andover's defensive success against St. Paul's attackers.

"Being really defensively sound was a big piece of our win," remarked Coach Will Orben.

Although Andover received an impressive and rewarding result, the team is working to improve their ball passing from end line to end line in order to open up the play.

"We need to utilize all ten field players out there and get the ball moving around," said center-midfield Alex Dziadosz '16.

Andover is proud of its success but looks to boost its intensity in order to face more demanding competition during the course of its season.

"Defensively and organizationally, we have to keep getting better to compete with the best teams," added Orben.

"The [St.Paul's] game really wasn't a test. We are still looking to improve for our match against both Brooks and Loomis [Chaffee]. Those games will really show how strong we are as a team," added center-back Andy Manos '16.

On Wednesday, Andover continued its winning streak against Brooks at home with a one-sided 4-1 score line. Once again, Girard wasted no time putting Andover ahead and buried two goals past the Brooks goalkeeper.

"I saw the space and went one-on-one with the defender," said Girard about his first goal.

Dziadosz took advantage of a mistake by a Brooks attacker, sending a ball through the defense to Mott for a leisurely goal — his second of the season.

"During the whole game, especially the first half, we were able to counter attack them really well," said Mott.

Andover's offensive mindset helped the team dominate the game right from kickoff. By the end of the first half, the team had three goals under its belt.

"We got on top of them early. That really decided the game," said Orben.

Late in the second half, Andover's defense looked a little too comfortable as a Brooks midfielder dribbled at Andover's center defense and thread a ball to an ongoing striker, who neatly tucked it away for Brooks's only goal.

Despite losing the clean sheet, Andover responded quickly and deftly. Ten minutes from the final whistle, Girard flew the ball up the left flank and crossed it in. After a deflection from striker Henry Meyerrose '17, Connor Cameron '15 fired a one-timer into the back of the net.

The final goal brought Andover to its final score of 4-1. This Saturday, Andover will travel to Loomis Chaffee to face another competitive opponent.

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Bobby Dahl '18, who came on as a substitute, rips a shot from just outside the 18-yard line late in the second half

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BOYS SOCCER

Murphy '15 Scores Buzzer-Beating Goal to Top Choate

Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 dove through the air to head a cross from Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 for the goal that secured Andover Boys Soccer's 3-2 victory over Choate on Sunday.

Choate's referees did not grant stoppage time after 90 minutes of play, which was the reason why Murphy's goal came in "buzzer-beater" fashion, a rare feat in soccer matches.

Andover started the game off with an aggressive mindset. It paid off as Mott scored a goal to give Andover the lead within the first ten minutes of play.

Choate bounced back, however, and took control of the game following the goal. The team scored two consecutive goals and maintained possession of the ball.

"They were very good at possessing the ball, so it was difficult to gain any momentum when we were losing 2-1," wrote Peder Bakken '16 in an email to The Phillipian.

"After they scored, I think we were all a little shocked, and it took us a couple of minutes to regain our footing," added Nicolas Swenson '15.

After recovering from losing the lead, Andover's offense threatened to score with every mistake Choate made.

Andover increased its intensity in the last 20 minutes of the match. Eventually, Bakken was able to tie the game at 2-2 with Andover's second goal.

Head Coach Will Orben made a formation change that Andover has used many times in the past. The team shifted from a standard 4-4-2 to a more threatening 3-5-2. Under this new formation, Mott pushed forward with an attacking attitude and connected with Murphy for the game-winning goal.

"We made a spirited comeback in the last 15 minutes. It was an unbelievable moment," said Murphy.

Both teams were capable of capitalizing on even the smallest defensive mistake, which made communication a key factor in Andover's victory.

Despite recovering from an ankle injury, Ben Del Vecchio '15 found 90 minutes of playing time at right back.

"It was just two really technical teams that could break down defense with their passing and finish really well. There weren't many missed opportunities by either team," said Alex Dziadosz '16.

On Wednesday, Andover triumphed over Tabor, finishing with a 5-1 score. The large margin was a bit of a shock after seeing Tabor tie Worcester 1-1 earlier this season. Worcester sent Andover home in the semi-finals during last year's tournament.

From start to finish, Andover's attack created problems for Tabor's defense. Goals came from Mott, Murphy, Swenson, Henry Meyerrose '17 and Bobby Dahl '18. Andover distributed the ball efficiently and allowed Swenson and Dahl to score the first goals of their Andover careers. Meyerrose also netted his first of the season.

"It started in the warm up. The offense was connecting with each other really well, and you could see that on the field," said Mott.

The team moved the ball through the midfield with pace and precision. Players distributed the ball to the wings, which opened up the play.

"We've been working really hard to get more of an attack out wide," added Orben.

The team eagerly awaits the return of second-leading goal scorer, Brandon Girard '16, who has proven to be a devastatingly effective threat on the right flank, but who is currently injured.

Andover was pleased to improve its attack from the game against Choate, when it struggled to maintain possession and gather momentum. Despite these improvements, Tabor was still able to score first just eight minutes into the game. Although the goal turned out to be inconsequential, the team has suffered from some early mistakes in the past, notably in the draw against Holderness, when Andover let up a goal five minutes into the game.

Andover looks to add to its three-game win streak when it travels to play Tilton this Saturday.

Center midfielders Nicolas Swenson '15 (left) and Peder Bakken '16 (right) connect for an early goal against Tabor.

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Boys Soccer Battles for Two Draws Amid Injuries

Controlling a long ball from Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15, Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 beat his defender with a quick cut inside and drilled the ball far post. The connection between the Co-Captains in the second half knotted the score at 1-1 and capped the scoring for Andover Boys Soccer's game against Holderness on Wednesday.

Andover's early disadvantage came from a series of poor defensive decisions. A Holderness attacker received a ball at the top of the 18-yard box and booted a well-placed shot to give Holderness the lead only five minutes into the game.

For the second game in a row, Andover's offense struggled to find the net, putting the onus on the Andover's defensive line.

"We needed to go to goal and create some chances instead of being satisfied with keeping possession," said Peter Heckendorn '17.

Andover's offense finally found its groove in the second half and bounced back with constant pressure on the Holderness defense, but the team was not content with its lack of urgency and effort. Mott said, "We just didn't come out firing enough."

Earlier in the week, Andover fought to a 0-0 draw against Loomis Chaffee, a perennially tough opponent. The hard-fought draw came at a price, however. Brandon Girard '16, a key left-midfielder with five goals to his name this season, had to come off the field with an injury, forcing Andover to adjust its offensive strategy.

Trainers diagnosed Girard with a hip flexor strain, and the time of his return will depend on the severity of the strain. Typically, a mild strain takes two to three weeks to heal, while a severe strain takes upwards of six weeks.

Although Andover's attackers did not find results, its defense played a flawless game.

Center-backs Peder Bakken '16 and Post-Graduate Culver Duquette '15 formed a compact defensive line and did not allow any balls to split them, while the outside backs opened up the rest of the field.

Henry Meyerrose '17 battles a defender for possession against Holderness

"The team defended in a really mature way," said Head Coach Will Orben.

Throughout the gritty match, Andover displayed composure and fortitude against a physically intimidating Loomis team.

After being held scoreless, however, Andover's offense was left searching for answers as to why it failed to score for 90 minutes.

"We were unable to find their weakness and didn't develop an attack as efficiently as we should have," said John Sandor '17.

Defender Conner Cameron '15 said, "It's one of those things where you're never happy going home without a win, but to play a team as good as Loomis this well is something we can be proud of and build off of as we really start to round into midseason form."

Andover will look to open its next game against Taft at home on Saturday with more intensity.

Alex Dziadosz '16 protects the ball from a Holderness defender

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Andover Suffers First Loss of the Season to BB&N

With ten pivotal minutes left, Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 slid a pass through the Taft defense to Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15, who promptly buried it in the near post behind the Taft keeper. Murphy's goal was his second in the final ten minutes and tied the game at two goals apiece.

The narrow tie highlighted Andover's resilience and invincibility on Smoyer Field, but the need for the miracle comeback also outlined the team's trouble with breaking through a press at the same time.

In the first 80 minutes of the game, Taft put pressure on Andover's back line, which had trouble keeping possession of the ball. The result was a 2-0 Andover deficit for most of the game.

"We cracked under their pressure and let them outwork us for basically 80 minutes of the game," said Murphy.

After half time, Andover rallied and capitalized on the Taft's fatigued players. Nearing the end of the game, Head Coach Will Orben made a formation change from a more conservative 4-4-2 formation to an attack-oriented 3-5-2 formation. This more aggressive attacking formation allowed Murphy to move up to left wing, resulting in his game-changing goals.

"We were down two goals, and I was waiting, thinking about how much [of a] risk we wanted to take," said Orben, who used to be the head coach at Taft before joining the Andover community last year.

The following Monday, Andover traveled to BB&N and suffered a 1-0 loss, its first of the season.

Much like the majority of the Taft game, Andover found itself still struggling to attack and locate the back of the net.

"We just couldn't get anything going up front. Mott was the go-to man every time, which was asking way too much of him," said Brandon Girard '16.

The BB&N goal came off a long and powerful throw-in. Andover left two men open at the far post of the goal, allowing a BB&N attacker to head the ball swiftly in the goal.

The second half did not fare any better for Andover. Many players were tired, which made it hard to boost the attack and even the score.

"We needed energy and focus, which we just didn't have," wrote Andy Manos '16 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

On Wednesday, Andover took on Bridgton Academy in its third game of the week and matched up against a strong opponent. The team rallied to win 3-1. Andover was able to take the lead early in the game, and the players never looked back. The first goal of the game came from Mott, when he ripped a shot from 20 yards out that deflected off a defender and into the back of the net.

Soon after, Alex Dziadosz '16 played a ball past the defense to Mott for his second goal of the game. Dziadosz then followed up his strong offense and put a ball to the far post for a third goal assisted by Peder Bakken '16. All of Andover's goals came in the first 30 minutes.

Since Andover was facing a bigger and more physical team, it relied heavily on the counter attack.

Later in the game, Bridgton knocked the ball around in front of the Andover net, eventually pinging it into the goalmouth. The half ended with Andover ahead 3-1.

As Bridgton got more desperate for goals late in the game, it kicked up its offensive pressure, yet Andover kept its composure.

"Our defenders had a fantastic game. They were under a lot of pressure, but they kept the team alive," wrote midfielder Bobby Dahl '18 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Andover looks to keep improving its attack and create more chances near the goal when traveling to Choate this Sunday.

Centerback Andy Manos '16 clears the ball under pressure from one of Taft's goal scorers

Dylan Mott '15 Scores Four of Andover's Five Goals in Two Games

Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 inched closer toward breaking the school record of 47 career goals with a hat trick in Andover Boys Soccer's victory against Tilton last Saturday. After adding another goal against Milton on Wednesday, Mott is five goals away from breaking the record.

Andover opened the first half against Tilton with intensity. The back line shut down Tilton attackers, while Andover's offense aggressively pushed forward.

"We were connecting passes and looking really good and really fluid as a team," said Peter Heckendorn '17.

Mott opened the first half with two goals, and Alex Dziadosz '16 followed up with a goal of his own. Mott then put away Andover's fourth and final goal.

The team's commanding lead came back to haunt Andover in the the last 20 minutes of the game.

"I think we got a little complacent. We thought the game was already in the bag. We stopped working hard and doing the things that got us in the lead in the first place," added Heckendorn.

Tilton came back and scored three quick goals, catching Andover off guard. In the end, Andover defenders were able to fend off Tilton offense before being saved by the final whistle.

Mott's three goals made the difference between a loss and a win for the team. "He is doing what he knows how to do: score goals. He's just the best at it," said center-back Andy Manos '16.

Later in the week on Wednesday, Andover faced an undefeated Milton team and came out with a nail biting 1-1 tie thanks to another goal from Mott.

With a flick over his and his defender's heads, Mott then weaved through two more defenders en route to the goal. Accelerating as he approached the Milton goalie, the leading goal scorer's cheeky chip over the goalie's head landed in the back of the net.

A strong defensive line complemented the offensive talent as Andover held off Milton's three talented strikers with ease, only allowing the one goal to be scored.

"Manos and Culver Duquette ['15] did a phenomenal job of reading the play and adjusting to the offensive tactics of Milton," said goalie Ryan Fischer '16 on the team's center backs.

Fischer directed the backline, anticipating crucial and dangerous plays. Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15, Ben Del Vecchio '15 and Ben Reinisch '15 closed off the wingers and shut down the majority of Milton's offense.

Although Andover's defense took care of most of Milton's attack, Fischer's ability was put to the test as he faced powerful and accurate shots from Milton. Save after save kept Andover in the game.

The draw was in jeopardy on the last play of the game as a Milton striker dribbled straight at Fischer. Forced to come off his goal line, Fischer ran out, dove for the ball and blocked the shot. His fearless play kept the score at 1-1 and secured a tie for Andover.

Overall, Andover was pleased with its strong defensive performance and intensity against a competitive team like Milton.

"I think we are going to be a very hard team to beat in the weeks ahead. It all starts with confidence, and right now our team has that. That's what makes us so good," said Brandon Girard '16.

Girard, who scored five goals in Andover's first two games and is recovering from injury, will return to the field in Andover Boys Soccer's game against Northfield Mount Hermon on Saturday.

Peder Bakken '16 helps to hold down Andover's midfield

Mott has 11 goals this season.

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Early Save From NMH Goalkeeper Halts Boys' Momentum

Ten minutes after the opening whistle of Andover Boys Soccer's game against Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) last Saturday, Alex Dziadosz '16 sent a high-soaring cross to Peter Heckendorn '17 in the six-yard box. Heckendorn sharply redirected the ball onto the goal frame, but the deft NMH goalkeeper saved it with a match-altering dive.

That moment was indicative of the entire game as Andover struggled to find the net time after time throughout the full 90 minutes and ultimately fell to NMH 4-0.

A small consolation prize, Andover reunited with former Assistant Coach Chris Wade '08, who is now an assistant coach at NMH.

Andover started the first half with intensity, but the saved shot changed the flow of the game as NMH responded with the opening goal soon after.

"We looked really slow out on the field, and when we got the ball we weren't possessing it," said Dziadosz.

NMH's fast and technical wingers put Andover down 3-0 by the end of the first half.

"Over the course of the entire game we had some defensive lapses. We weren't our usual solid, organized back line, and NMH pounced on every mistake we made," Ben Del Vecchio '15 said.

Andover came out of halftime looking to shut down NMH's attack down the wings and was successful, limiting NMH to only one goal in the second half. Andover's chances on offense however, lacked energy and failed to materialize.

"We needed to make more chances. That was our biggest offensive let-down," wrote Andy Manos '16 in an email to The Phillipian.

The loss motivated Andover to work hard and bring intensity to practice. The team aims to develop crisper passing, harder tackles and more fluid play.

"[Head Coach Will Orben] said we have to work hard the next few weeks if we want to compete in the playoffs," said newcomer John Rauen '17.

"There's a lot to take away. We're really trying to work in practice to account for the mistakes we made on Saturday," Del Vecchio added.

Later in the week, Andover faced Cushing Academy in the pouring rain. The Wednesday game ended in a 2-2 draw.

Reminiscent of the NMH game, Andover opened the game full of energy. This time however, Andover capitalized on its early chance as John Sandor '17 headed the ball into the back of the net off a corner from Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15. The goal was Sandor's first of the season.

Andover controlled the momentum and flow of play throughout the first half, with many scoring opportunities.

Cushing tied the score at 1-1 late in the first half, but Andover pulled ahead again. Murphy took another corner kick, but this time he curved it into the goal himself to put Andover up 2-1.

Andover was able to hold off Cushing attack until the dying embers of the game. On one of the last plays, Cushing's goalie pressed high, coming forward to take a free kick that was deflected into the back of the Andover goal, which closed the game at 2-2.

The team will look to rebound for its upcoming match this weekend at home against Deerfield.

BOYS SOCCER

Revamped Offense

Leads to Five-Goal Burst

Andover Boys Soccer handed Deerfield its sixth loss of the season during Family Weekend. With goals from Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 (two), Brandon Girard '16, Nicolas Swenson '15 and Peder Bakken '16, the team earned a 5-0 victory. On Wednesday, Andover had a lackluster performance and lost to Worcester Academy by a 4-1 margin.

"We did a nice job of pressing them early and really hunting for that opening goal. Our movement was very good, and the team was really working together," said Head Coach Will Orben.

Andover started the game with urgency, scoring two quick goals, then transitioned to a more composed and patient style of soccer. Midfielders strung passes around Deerfield players with ease, while the defensive line stayed compact and impenetrable.

"We defended very well and kept the ball most of the game. We wore them down with our passing until they couldn't keep up any longer, and then we picked them apart," wrote Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

"We took our foot off of the pedal a little bit and started to pass the ball through their team a lot more for the rest of our goals," said Mott, who is now three goals away from breaking the all-time scoring record.

Andover saw goals and playing time from a variety of different players, which helped starters conserve their stamina and allowed reserve players to gain valuable experience.

"Everyone played meaningful minutes, and everyone looked sharp and focused on the field. [It was a] great overall team performance," wrote Murphy.

After facing Deerfield, the team was pleased with its execution and result, but did not have the same luck against Worcester on Wednesday as it found itself down 3-0 at halftime.

With only one loss to Loomis Chaffee, Worcester proved to be one of the toughest opponents Andover has faced.

"It was a well-fought and pretty even game despite the score. They capitalized on our mistakes, and we had trouble finishing chances," said Henry Meyerrose '17.

In the second half, the team was able to find the back of the net when Culver Duquette '15 scored off of a rebound from Mott's shot. This gave the team some life and closed the gap to 3-1 until Worcester quickly answered Andover's goal, making the final score 4-1.

"The three early goals by Worcester were really the difference in this one. Duquette's goal gave us a spark, but it wasn't enough, unfortunately," wrote Assistant Coach Spencer Diamond in an email to The Phillipian.

As the regular season winds down, the team looks to rebuild its momentum and gear up for a playoff push against Kimball Union Academy on Saturday.

Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 explodes past Deerfield's right-mid in Andover 5-0 win

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Boys Fight Back for Tie

Facing a one-goal deficit with ten minutes left in Andover Boys Soccer's game against Exeter last Saturday, John Sandor '17 slotted a ball to Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 at the top of the box. The crowd tensed up as Mott corralled Sandor's pass and powered past his defender, ultimately firing the shot that would be remembered for years to come. The shot rocketed off of Mott's foot, curled into the left side netting of the goal and tied the game at one goal apiece, with Mott breaking Boys Varsity Soccer's all-time scoring record with 48 career goals.
The game ended in a 1-1 draw, effectively ending Andover's season at 8-3-7.
Earlier in the second half of the match last Saturday, Andover's rival took the lead by scoring a quick goal on a counter attack. Andover responded emphatically, hammering Exeter's defense until Mott scored his record-breaking goal.
"We were able to bounce back really well and score one immediately. It really felt like we were going to find a second, but we just couldn't find a way," said Nicolas Swenson '15.
After the score remained tied at 1-1, Andover had numerous opportunities and chances to claim a victory. Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 stepped up from his role on the back line and pushed forward as an attacker.
In the closing minutes, Murphy took a free kick after Mott's goal. Unfortunately, the shot fell just shy of the goal, skimming the post on its way out of bounds.
Anchored by center defender Andy Manos '16, Andover's backline held together after getting caught off guard earlier in the half.
Mott continued to take on players and pose a threat to the Exeter goalie. Center midfielder Peder Bakken '16 drove down the center of the field at a dangerous pace, beating several defenders on multiple occasions, but Exeter's defense held on for the last few minutes.
Andover played with class and pride as it participated in the oldest high school rivalry in the country. Both teams were very evenly matched and provided a nail-biting game that entertained both Andover and Exeter fans alike.
Andover's final record did not qualify for the New England Class A Prep School Tournament. Mott closed out the season and his final soccer game at Andover by beating the record for most career goals, formerly held by Garnet Hathaway '10, who had scored 47.
"Playing my last game against Exeter was very special, and I am very proud of how the team played. It was great to break the record in front of the Andover fans and my family in my last game," wrote Mott in an email to The Phillipian.
As eight Seniors move on and hang up their Andover uniforms, some reflected on the season.

Murphy said, "Although we didn't make the playoffs, I'm glad the Exeter game on Saturday was my last game in an Andover uniform. The only word to describe the atmosphere Saturday night was 'special.' It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."
In an email to The Phillipian, Ben Reinisch '15 wrote, "From the end of August up until [Andover-Exeter], there was never a moment that the guys on the team didn't give 100 percent every day in training and in games. We came up a little short this year, but it wasn't due to a lack of effort. I was proud and grateful to be a part of such a team."

Nicolas Swenson '15 capped off his illustrious Andover career with a well-rounded performance

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Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 found John Sandor '17 with a pinpoint cross 20 minutes into Andover Boys Soccer's game against New Hampton last Wednesday. Standing at the top of the box, Sandor controlled the ball with a touch from his chest and caught it with his foot, volleying it into the back of the net to give Andover its second goal in its 8-1 win.

Later in the game, Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15 put away two goals of his own, which tied him with the school record of 47 goals during his four-year Andover Boys Soccer career. He will have the chance to break the record against Exeter.

Two of the six players who scored in the game — Darian Bhathena '16 and Morgan Cutts '18 — claimed the first goals of their Andover careers.

"[Co-Captain] Josh Murphy '15 and the defense kept the game under control in the back and allowed us to build our momentum early," said Brandon Girard '16.

Nicolas Swenson '15 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "We were able to dictate the tempo for the entire game. Our dominance in possession led to us creating lots of chances, and we were able to capitalize on them. For us, this game was all about getting ready for Saturday, and it's great that everyone got a chance to play before such a big game [against Exeter]."

Girard added, "Everyone got to play, and we played great as a team collectively, which is vital going into the Exeter game this weekend."

Last Saturday, Andover faced off against a strong Kimball Union Academy (KUA) team. The final result was a scoreless draw, as neither team could find gaps in the other's defense.

KUA's physical style of play often disrupted Andover's offensive momentum, but the team still had many scoring opportunities. Some stellar saves from the opposing goalie prevented Andover from claiming a victory.

"We controlled the play and on multiple occasions came close to putting one away," wrote Sandor in an email to The Phillipian.

The weather conditions were windy, cold and rainy. In the second half, Andover played into the wind, which hindered the team's ability to move the ball up the field and limited the reach of punts from Andover goalie Calvin Griffin '15.

"It was a battle. Considering the conditions, I thought we did pretty well. We adapted to the turf and played our game. We just couldn't capitalize in the final third," wrote Bobby Dall '18 in an email to The Phillipian.

Despite the obstacles that the weather created and the physicality of KUA, Andover played high quality soccer, moving the ball around on the ground and connecting passes in all parts of the field.

"We played very well and with a lot of spirit. That's what determines games like the one we played," said Sandor.

These two strong performances will boost the team's confidence before Saturday, when Andover hosts Exeter to continue its historic rivalry with a potential playoff spot on the line.

John Sandor '17 scored two of Andover's eight goals against New Hampton on Wednesday

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Boys Soccer

After a crushing 6-2 victory over Exeter last year, with four goals from Co-Captain Dylan Mott '15, Andover Boys Soccer looks to bring the same offensive pressure to the field at home this year.

Currently, the overall Andover-Exeter Boys Soccer record stands at 836-1332 in Exeter's favor. This year, both teams boast experienced players and a core of Seniors, and the skill and maturity of both teams will be tested this Saturday.

"Exeter is always good competition no matter what our records are. [It doesn't] matter in this big of a rivalry," wrote Mott in an email to The Phillipian.

Two of Exeter's three losses came in its first two games of the season at the hands of Milton and Loomis Chaffee, two teams Andover found ties against. Exeter enters with a strong 13-3-2 record and a four-game win streak, while Andover will ride the momentum of an 8-1 win against New Hampton and an 8-3-6 record.

"I think this year will be a lot closer than last year. Exeter is on a streak, and they're feeling really strong, but we're really hungry for [it]. That's going to make us strong too," said Alex Dziadosz '16.

Mott and Brandon Girard '16 have proved to be a dangerous duo in Andover's attack. Mott recently tied the regular season career-scoring record of 47, while Girard has put away quite a few of his own goals for Andover. Mott looks to break the record this Saturday.

Co-Captain Josh Murphy '15 will spearhead Andover's defense, backed by Andy Manos '16, Ben Reinesch '15, Ben Del Vecchio '15 and Culver Duquette '15. Exeter will face tough opposition at the back line.

This game will make or break Andover's shot at the playoffs, and Andover looks to bring home a victory and end its regular season on a high note.

5:30 P.M. Smoyer Field

SPORTS

Boys Soccer

Toffoloni and Mott Break Career Scoring Records

Dylan Mott '15 slipped the ball past the Exeter keeper's outstretched arms, and as the shot curled left in a dangerous fashion, the crowd collectively held its breath. Then, in a familiar scene for Andover Boys Soccer, the shot turned into a goal as the ball landed inside the post by mere inches and settled itself in the back of the net.

As Mott ran to the corner flag and sprinted up the sideline, the crowd erupted to celebrate Mott's equalizing goal against Exeter and 48th Andover career goal, which set a new record for career goals scored for Andover Boys Soccer. The previous record — 47 goals — was set back in 2010 by Garnet Hathaway '10.

"As soon as it went in, obviously I was happy, but we were still only tied at that point in a big game for us. I just thought, 'I need to get the team focused off the record and back onto beating Exeter,'" said Mott.

The crowd, however, went wild. Upwards of 20 students rushed the field to congratulate their captain in the middle of the game. Mott, for his part, tried to wave them off and get back to the crucial game.

"I saw everyone running onto the field, but at that point, I wanted to keep the game going because we needed a win and it just wasn't the right time to start celebrating," he said.

Nick Swenson '15 said, "Playing with [Mott] these last few years has been something special. He's an amazing player, and he's just fun to watch. His focus on our goals as a team makes him a real leader for us."

Mott made big waves as a Junior, finding a starting position midway through the season and scoring five goals in Andover's deep playoff run. He then doubled his goal tally with ten goals in his Lower year. In his Upper year, Mott hit his stride with 17 goals, four of which were against Exeter.

It was a tumultuous final season for Mott. Mott and company entered the season under the belief that the record was only 43 goals, leaving him 12 shy of breaking it. It was not until Mott scored his 43rd, thus tying the supposed record, that former Head Coach Bill Scott called up Hathaway, who informed Mott that the actual record was 47 goals, leaving him five more goals shy of breaking it with only seven games left to play.

Mott went on a three scoreless game streak before scoring five goals in the last four games to break the record. This season, Mott racked up a total of 16 goals in 18 games, including three multi-goal games and one hat-trick.

The night before Andover-Exeter, the team honored him with a tribute to the record at the Fall Pep Rally. "We knew there was a lot of buzz going on about the record, and [Co-Captain] Josh [Murphy '15] thought a great way to draw fans [in] was to talk about the record in our skit. They thought up the idea one day after practice, and the next day they told me my role," said Mott.

Leading up to the game, Mott told his friends that he was content with being tied for the record, and, in fact, he was worried about the effect that it would have on the team. "I think overall though, all the attention on the record took the focus away from the team a little bit, and I wanted the attention on the team not [me as an] individual," said Mott.

The game against Exeter would be the last of Mott's Andover career, as Andover tied Exeter and did not qualify for the postseason. He said, "It was our first time playing under the lights for Andover-Exeter, and just the whole atmosphere was really intense. We all knew it was a big game, and with the crowd there cheering us on... we had a lot of new guys and it was their first [Andover-Exeter], so you could sense the nerves of the team."

Next year, Mott will go back home to New York to play for Columbia University

Both Toffoloni and Mott broke their respective records against Exeter on Saturday

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Year: 2014

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SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Anderson, Thayer
Bauman, Tiffany N.
Baumgardt, Syney
Becker, Alexandria
Bell, Annette E.
Burnham, Darcy
Evans, Janneke
Leopold, Claudia
Livingston, Eden
Mesler, Evelyn
Shin, Erica
Taylor, Isabel
Trautmann, Fran

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Volleyball Girls Varsity
2014 Roster

No	Name	Yr	Hometown
2	Livingston, Eden	2015	Houston, TX
3	Trautmann, Franziska	2016	Carencro, LA
4	Becker, Alexandria	2015	James Island, SC
5	Burnham, Darcy	2018	Larkspur, CA
9	Bauman, Tiffany	2016	Houston, TX
10	Mesler, Evelyn	2017	Andover, MA
11	Shin, Erica *	2016	Pasadena, CA
15	Baumgardt, Sydney	2016	Evergreen, CO
21	Bell, Annette *	2016	Houston, TX
23	Evans, Janneke	2018	New York, NY
26	Taylor, Isabel	2015	New York, NY
42	Leopold, Claudia	2018	New York City, NY

* Captains

Coaches: Clyfe Beckwith, Vic Svec

Managers: Thayer Anderson '15, Achindra Krishna '15, Jonathan Melideo '16

Girls Volleyball Varsity
Schedule and Record

Record: 11-05-0

Date/Time	Opponent	H/A	Type	Score
9/12 @ 4:45 PM	Governor's Academy	H	Scrimmage	3-0
9/13 @ 9:00 AM	Hotchkiss	H	Game	W A 3 - H 1
9/13 @ 4:00 PM	Taft	H	Game	W A 3 - T 0
9/16 @ 4:00 PM	Central Catholic	H	Scrimmage	3-1
9/19 @ 3:45 PM	Andover Hs	H	Scrimmage	3-2
9/20 @ 2:30 PM	Loomis	A	Game	L 1-3
9/23 @ 4:00 PM	St. Paul's	H	Game	W 3-0
9/27 @ 2:00 PM	N.M.H.	H	Game	W 3-0
10/5 @ 12:00 PM	Choate	A	Game	L 1-3
10/8 @ 3:30 PM	B. B. & N.	H	Game	W 3-0
10/11 @ 2:00 PM	Dana Hall	H	Game	W 3-0
10/15 @ 3:15 PM	Exeter	A	Game	L 1-3
10/18 @ 2:30 PM	N.M.H.	A	Game	W 3-0
10/24 @ 5:00 PM	Milton	H	Game	W 3-0
10/25 @ 3:45 PM	Deerfield	H	Game	W 3-1
10/29 @ 3:30 PM	St. Paul's	A	Game	W 3-0
11/2 @ 9:45 PM	All Star	A	Game	
11/8 @ 3:45 PM	Exeter	H	Game	L 2-3
11/12 @ 3:30 PM	Milton	H	Tournament	W 3-1
11/15 @ 3:00 PM	Tournament - Choate	A	Tournament	L 2-3

Volleyball
Big Blue Spikes Hotchkiss
At home on September 13, 2014 at 9:00 AM

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Andover Downs Taft
At home on September 13, 2014 at 4:00 PM

Eden Livingston and Alex Becker both have 9 consecutive service points, Alex Becker scores 6 kills, while Eden takes the title of 5 aces.
Happy Birthday to Taft's coach... to many, many more. Eden Livingston and Alex Becker both have 9 consecutive service points, Alex Becker scores 6 kills, while Eden takes the title of 5 aces. Isabel earns 3 stuff blocks, Nette earned 15 assists, and Erica 19 of 22 digs in the first two sets. In the third Tiffany, Darcy, Sydney, and Claudia played the full set ... but stats were unfortunately not recorded.

Andover (2-0) prepares to host a scrimmage vs Central Catholic on Tuesday, AHS on Friday, and traveling to Loomis on Saturday. Thanks to all the families who traveled for support (Janneke, we wish you a speedy recovery) and also many thanks to the many fans who crowded the back gym, especially the Blue Keys.

Friendly Scrimmage Andover vs. Andover
At home on September 19, 2014 at 3:45 PM

Thanks to the Warriors for yet another memorable scrimmage. The match was decided in the fifth by the required two-point margin.
Phillips wishes our town neighbors all the best in their season, and especially a speedy recovery to their sideline.

Andover 1-Loomis 3
At Loomis on September 20, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Congratulations to Loomis, 100th birthday, and a well-played win today.

In the first set Andover came out slow, but were able to defend well. Down 6-10, Erica Shin put two service points together to bring Andover within one at 9-10. With Alex Becker as our next server the team finally strung together 4 service points to put Andover ahead 14-12. Loomis kept even, tit for tat, and went up 22-21, though Andover forced a side-out and Erica Shin served us to a 23-22 lead. Loomis tied the set twice thereafter and went up 25-24 when Nette Bell, who again set a great match, closed the first set 27-25 with two winning serves.

In the second set, with the energy in the gym carrying over from the first close set, the two teams were relatively close through the first complete rotation, Andover edging Loomis 12-7. After that the glue on the floor kept Andover's feet immobilized; Loomis's server #6 served nine consecutive points (!) for a Loomis 20-14 lead. That was the turning point of the match. Loomis ties it up one set a-piece.

In the third set Andover had the lead at 5-4 for one rotation, every other moment was Loomis's. Andover had a total of six service points, the other 12 were side-outs. Loomis took the second set decisively with good defense and unrelenting pressure; though Andover had great individual plays occasionally Loomis earned that win with more consistent team play.
The fourth set was a disaster from the get-go for Andover, down 2-11 within three rotations. Loomis increased that lead to 23-9. Though a good showing of four consecutive service points by Alex Becker, Loomis closed out the match with a well-deserved W.

Andover's stats leaders:
Nette Bell 9 service points, 37 assists
Alex Becker 10 kills, 32 of 39 hits. Fran 9 kills, 30 of 32 hits.
Evelyn Mesler 5 of 5 blocks. Isabel Taylor 3 stuffs, blocking 4 of 6.
Erica Shin 44 of 55 ups.

Andover (2-1) hosts Saint Paul's for their season-opener on Tuesday.

Andover 3 - SPS 0
At home on September 23, 2014 at 4:00 PM

The Andover team (3-1 in league; 6-1 including scrimmages) hosted the Saint Paul's (3-1) team for the home match of two competitions during the regular season.
Andover played a very strong match starting from the get-go when Alex Becker stepped to the service line after giving PA a 6-0 lead and setting the tone for the whole match. Andover's defense picked up the harder hits and stretched to pick up the off-speed hits and tips allowing SPS to gain no momentum, limiting them to 3 service points only in the first set for a 25-11 and 1-0 lead.

Switching sides and a couple of side-outs, Isabel Taylor served 4 consecutive points, followed by Eden Livingston two rotations later serving 8 straight. As usual, Nette Bell set a great match evenly distributing the sets the range of our offense, three at the net and two back row.
In the third set Tiffany Bauman, Darcy Bauman and Janneke Evans took a turn on the court. Isabel Taylor again served 6 straight serves, Erica Shin finished the game/match with 6 of her own.

I think it's fair to say that today everything worked in our favor: serving, blocking, bumping, setting and attacking - it all flowed better than we practiced.

Andover hosts Northfield Mount Hermon on Saturday 9.27 for the first of two regular season matches.

Many thanks to the fans who cheered us on, the managers who keep the book and video. Although too often not mentioned, Coach Svec deserves a lot of credit for his enthusiasm and energy day-in and day-out.

Today's stats leaders:
Nette Bell 16 assists
Alex Becker 6 kills on 15 of 15 hits; Fran Trautman 4 kills on 13 of 13 hits.
Isabel Taylor 6 aces on 14 of 15 serves; Alex Becker 4 aces on 16 of 17 serves; Eden Livingston 3 aces on 10 of 12 serves
Isabel Taylor 1 stuff blocking 5 of 8; Evelyn Mesler blocking 2 of 4
Erica Shin digging 20 of 21

Andover 3 - NMH 0
At home on September 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Andover (4-1) hosted NMH (2-3) at the Memorial gym today - an astoundingly beautiful fall day with comfortable temperatures and vibrant leaf colors.

The first set quickly favored Andover on good serves and quick defensive plays to set up quick counterattacks. Nette Bell started the scoring with her two service points, followed by Isabel's 2 line drives; it was again Eden Livingston who racked up 6 consecutive service points to give Andover a 15-5 lead. Darcy Burnham, subbing in after Alex Becker served us to 18-6, served the team ahead to 21-6. The first set felt good all around for Andover - a varied attack, good ups, great set distribution, good serving ... and best of all, good communication on the court.

The second set was an even back-and-forth with NMH until 10-10; only after a full rotation did Andover find it's first set groove and pulled ahead on Alex Becker's 3 service points. Then Nette Bell added 4 of her own and Fran Trautman finished off the second set with her 4 consecutive service points. Most notable in this set was a diving play to Erica's right when dove and saved a hard hit ball punching it up for a quick shoot-set by Nette to Alex who pounded it down for a kill.

In the third set, Tiffany Bauman, Darcy Burnham, Janneke Evans, Sydney Baumgardt, and Claudia Leopold held steady despite giving NMH a 4-10, 6-12, 8-14 advantage. NMH made some spectacular saves and scored well-deserved points; poor communication, or perhaps responses dulled by coming in off the bench were our prime culprit. Then Darcy Burnham got her team going serving 5 straight service point taking Andover from 17-18 to 22-18. Although NMH gathered some momentum scoring 3 points Andover sided out for a 23-20 lead and Sydney Baumgardt served out the match.

It was a match in which Andover repeated it's good, smart, and passionate play from our Tuesday's match against SPS. Many thanks to NMH for making the trip - we shall see them again at their house in 3 weeks. Andover now has a full week to prepare for a match against Choate in Wallingford on Sunday Oct. 5th. Thanks to all the fans (who cheered moderately - come on, it's a fun game), parents; athletic staff and officials. Special nod to managers who show up on time as well assistant coach Svec who keeps me in line.

Stats for the day:
Nette Bell 21 assists - serving 11 of 11; Tiffany Bauman 6 assists
Alex Becker 14 kills hitting 18 of 20;Fran Trautman 4 kills hitting 13of 16
Darcy Burnham 5 aces serving 10 of 11
Erica Shin 29 of 33 ups.

Andover 1 Choate 3
At Choate on October 5, 2014 at 12:00 PM

Andover was hosted by the Wild Boars, for a rare Sunday match to honor the Jewish Holidays. Congratulations to the Choate team, extending their undefeated streak. Andover hopes to have the opportunity for a rematch.

In the first set Isabel Taylor stepped to the service line on the second rotation to give Andover a 5-2 lead. Choate tied it up 7-7, and then took a massive lead on a side out and 7 straight serves for an Andover deficit of 8-15. Eden Livingston sparked some hope when she served 5 straight to get Andover to 21-22. Choate forced the side-out and secured the first set 25-21.
The second set proved equally elusive for Andover, again 4 service errors giving away precious points. Andover fell behind 2-9 on just the second rotation, then the two teams held each other to mostly side-outs with Andover squeezing in a slight advantage on service points to bring the score 15-18, and 20-22. At that point Choate secured the three points necessary to take a 2-0 lead.

In the third set, Andover's offense came alive, though so did that of Choate. Both sides benefitted from a spark and exchanged points for 5 lead changes until 14-14. Andover, down 15-17, benefitted from Fran Trautman's serves for a 19-17 lead. Though Choate would tie it up at 20-20 and 21-21, Alex Becker served out the set to force a fourth.
Feeling slightly more courageous Andover swung harder and overcame a 3-5, 4-7 deficit on a 4-point serving streak by Nette Bell. Leading 9-8, 12-11 Andover succumbed to Choate side-out and 6-point serving streak of their own. Andover brought it to within three points at 17-20, but Choate's middles found their groove and sealed their win at 25-18.

Andover (4-2 in league, 7-2 overall) will host BB&N, Wednesday and Dana Hall on Saturday after a day off on Monday.

Today's stats leaders:
Alex Becker 9 kills, hitting 30 of 35; Fran Trautman 8 kills hitting 14 of 17
Nette Bell, 22 assists, 4 aces serving 18 of 18; Eden Livingston 4 aces serving 8 of 11.
Isabel Taylor blocking 6 of 7
Erica Shin digging 38 of 50

Thanks to the parents who ventured shortish and longish distances to support the team; always a pleasure to see those responsible for the wonderful individuals who brighten my day 6 days a week.

Andover 3 - BBN 0
At home on October 8, 2014 at 3:30 PM

Andover hosted the BBN Knights at the Memorial Gym today and secured a win.
In the first set Tiffany Bauman set the 5-1 rotation to victory. At first the two team played each other even until Darcy Burnham stepped to the service line and supported by her team served 4 consecutive service points for the first real lead; Andover 9-4. Though the Knights kept fighting back, making beautiful save upon save, returning free balls that Andover converted into quick attacks. Janneke Evans provided the next string of consecutive service points extending the Andover lead by 4 points to 20-13.
In set two the same rotation took to the floor: Tifanny setting, Fran Trautman and Darcy as outside hitters, Sydney Baumgardt as opposite, Janneke Evans and Claudia Leopold as middles, Erica Shin anchoring the defense as libero. Tiffany served the team into its first lead to 4-2; shortly thereafter Darcy pounded out 4 winning serves herself, followed by Sydney's 5 consecutive service points for a 16-6 lead, which was enough to secure a win for a 2-0 lead.
In the third set Nette Bell set, Janneke and Evelyn hit middle, Fran and Darcy played outside, Eden Livingston opposite, and Erica Shin again anchored the defense. Nette Bell stumped the Knights with her floating serve for a 4-0 lead. The Knights kept fighting and pulled to within two at 8-10, but then Darcy worked her magic again for a 15-8 lead, which was enough to win the match 3-0.
We wish a quick and permanent recovery to AB and IT so we can get them back in the line-up. Thanks to all the fans who came to support us, the managers for taking care of the pesky details like the ice chest, keeping the book and the scoreboard, videotaping, etc. Thanks to asst. coach Svec who always brings energy and focus to the court.

Today's stats leaders:
Fran Trautman 13 kills, 27 of 31 hits
Darcy Burnham 3 aces, serving 15 of 17; 7 kills hitting 22 of 23
Janneke Evans 2 stuffs, blocking 3 for 4
Tiiffany Bauman 14 assists
Erica Shin digging 37 of 40

Andover (5-2 in league, 8-2 overall) hosts Dana Hall on Saturday.

Andover 3 - Dana Hall 0
At home on October 11, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Andover (6-2) hosted Dana Hall on what started as a dreary, cold, rainy day when we walked into the gym and a cooler but sunny afternoon as we exited.

In the first set Nette Bell took the side-out and served 6 straight to put Andover up 7-0 and set the tone for the match. Andover's starters took a 12-1 lead when PA's bench took to the court and finished the set at 25-8. The second set saw Dana Hall taking a 7-5 lead when Fran Trautman served 6 straight for an Andover 13-7 advantage. Thereafter Andover kept the lead, extended it to 9 points three times before switching sides for the final time at 25-17. In the third set Dana Hall's hitters and servers started putting more oomph on the ball; that as well as a different line-up for Andover and communication issues combined for a 6-point lead for Dana Hall at 14-8, at 21-15, at 22-16. Nette Bell ended the match the same way she started it and served it out with 6 straight serving points for a 25-23, 3-0 Andover victory.

Andover prepares next to travel to Exeter for the first of two regular season matches.

Extending appreciation and thanks to Kenny, to Jose, to Dennis, to Tony and the myriad of staff who help us maintain a clean functioning court as well as uniforms, and the athletics office who schedule matches (Karen) and hire referees (Lisa). Thanks to the managers for video and keeping book. Most of all thanks to the loyal fans who come support us so regularly.

Today's stats leaders:
Fran Trautman 6 kills hitting 9 for 10; Alex Becker 6 kills hitting18 for 21.
Nette Bell for 7 aces, serving 17 for 17.
Eden Livingston 2 stuffs blocking 3 for 3.
Darcy Burnham digging 11 for 11, and Janneke Evans digging 11 of 12.

Andover 1 - Exeter 3
At Exeter on October 15, 2014 at 3:15 PM

WOW! I can't remember seeing a team get such a head of steam rolling as Exeter did today in sets 1 and 2. WOW! Andover (6-3) did not play poorly; Exeter (9-1), at home, executed FANTASTICALLY - great serving, super sets, and absolutely beautiful finishes. My hat off to Coach Shang and his team for an outstanding match today. That said, we are eager to get a rematch and enjoy great volleyball again in 3 weeks.

In the first set Andover took a 5-1 lead but were completely flummoxed by two back-to-back servers, first 7 then 11 consecutive points, aided by teammates with the consistently strongest hits from left, right, and middle that I have seen in years (decades? ever?). Wow! Down 7-21 Andover found some momentum and inched to close the gap and swapped end at 14-25.
The second set proved almost as daunting; Andover went down 1-8 in just two rotations but then held Exeter to no service points on the next four. At 11-9, Exeter widened the gap and though both sides slowed each other down effectively. Exeter did not relinquish the lead and went ahead 25-17, 2-0.
The third set was almost a mirror of the second set, but this time in favor of Andover, forcing a 4th set.
The fourth set saw the lead bounce back and forth, a crack in the Exeter armor. Andover went ahead 5-3, but then succumbed to yet another Exeter barrage of 12 consecutive service points. These streaks were good serving, more so than that though, absolutely stunning team support defending the right to keep the serve. Exeter now ahead 2-1 and 16-5 in the fourth looked very comfortable. Andover chipped away at it to 14-23; Fran Trautman served Andover to within 20-23, the next two rotations gave a glimmer of hope bringing the set to 22-24 at which point Exeter ripped a back row attack from center to the one spot. A fitting way for Exeter to close out the match.

GREAT volleyball, a tad one-sided. Thanks to our fans who assured at least three Andover bodies in the appreciative and vocally supportive home crowd. Thanks to our manager for keeping book, to asst. coach Svec as well as the whole athletic building team who schedule games/referees, arrange transportation, and keep our court in good shape.

Andover prepares for an away game at NMH this Saturday, then a week to prepare for back-to-back matches against Milton (Friday) and Deerfield (Saturday) on Family weekend.

Today's stats leaders:
Alex Becker 14 kills, hitting 37 of 47
Isabel Taylor 3 aces serving 7 of 10; blocking 9 of 10.
Nette Bell 27 assists, serving 13 of 14
Erica Shin digging 37 of 44; Fran Trautman digging 30 of 36.

congrats to Janneke Evans and Darcy Burnham for superb off-the-bench appearances.

Andover 3 - NMH 0
At NMH on October 18, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Andover (7-3) travelled to the Hogger's Family Weekend for the second of two matches this season. What was especially gratifying today was to watch the sportsmanship extended by both teams, calling touches and nets on themselves. Thanks to NMH for hosting and best of luck to them for the remainder of the season.

In the first set NMH jumped ahead 6-2, 8-3 on Andover's sluggish receiving. Eden Livingston's serve finally sparked the Anodver team to tie the set at 8-8, and Erica Shin's serve took us to 15-9. Although NMH got a run on their own to 14-15, Andover took the first set at 25-16. Nette Bell setting, Isabel taylor and Evelyn Mesler playing middle, Fran Trautman and Alex Becker hitting outside.
At the start of the second set Alex Becker served Andover ahead 11-0, which set the tone for the 25-9 win. Darcy Burnham (OH) and Janneke Evans (MH) scored some playing time.
In the third set Tiffany Bauman set, Janneke Evans and Claudia Leopold blocked middle, Fran Trautman and Darcy Burnham hit outside, Sydney Baumgardt played opposite, Erica Shin anchored as libero. NMH played the squad even at 6-6, and erased a 6-10 deficit, went ahead at 20-19, and 21-20. Erica Shin and Fran Trautman served out the set for a 3-0 win for Andover.

Andover (seeded #4) has a week to prepare for back-to-back days, playing Milton (seeded #6) on Friday and Deerfield (seeded #7) on Saturday for Family Weekend.

Today's stats leaders are:
Fran Trautman 9 kills, hitting 14 of 18, blocking 2 of 2
Nette Bell 23 assists
Alex Becker 2 aces, serving 11 of 11
Erica Shin digging 27 of 2

#4 Andover (8-3) Beat #5 Milton (11-3) at Memorial Gym
At home on October 24, 2014 at 5:00 PM

For the first of two matches, Andover was fortunate in that everyone on the team (who was not called away for Grasshopper Night) got playing minutes.

In the first set Andover's starters held Milton to one service point and were able to take a 1-0 lead after one full rotation. Nette Bell served Andover to a 9-2 lead after Andover miscommunicated for the first two points of the match. Fran Trautman served 6 of her own, giving Andover an 18-6 lead.

In the second set, the starters got a 9-3 lead when Darcy Burnham switched in Alex Becker at outside; Janneke Evans switched in for Isabel Taylor at 11-6; Claudia Leopold switched in at 20-11; Sydney Baumgardt switched in for Eden Livingston at 22-11.
In the third set Nette Bell stayed as setter, and a lot of the team tried a new position. Erica Shin (normally our libero) hit outside scoring a kill at and above the net! Alex Becker and Isabel played middle, substituted for by Fran Trautman and Evelyn Mesler respectively. Erica Shin and Janneke Evans played outside hitter, substituted for by Darcy Burnham and Eden Livingston respectively.Clauida Leopold played opposite, subbed for by Sydney Baumgardt. A Milton run of 5 straight serves, bringing their score to 20-23, was halted by a time-out, and the squad wrapped up the match at 25-21.

Many thanks for the vocal support from the wide array of fans, students as well as faculty, and especially families. Andover hopes to hear similar support tomorrow when we host #7 Deerfield. A special thank you to our Milton friends who had to brave Boston rush hour traffic on a Friday night.

Today's stats leaders:
Nette Bell 25 assists, 7 aces serving 24 of 26.
Alex Becker 8 kills, hitting 16 for 16
Evelyn Mesler 1 stuff, blocking 4 for 4
Erica Shin digging 25 of 26 (1 kill hitting 7 of 9)

Andover (9-3) Beats Deerfield (6-6) During Family Weekend
At home on October 25, 2014 at 3:45 PM

In the first set Nette Bell served 9 straight for a 10-0 lead, which set the tone for the rest of the set, holding Deerfield to 3 service points in a 7 rotation set. Fran Trautman and Eden Livingston contributed 3 service points as well. Alex Becker, Isabel Taylor, Evelyn Mesler, and Erica Shin rounded out the squad for great defense and varied attacks.
In the second set Tiffany Bauman and Sydney Baumgardt stepped in as setter and opposite. Deerfield took a 4-0 lead and found confidence in their hitting as well as playing together on defense. Hard hits, and especially strong defense on both sides made the second set more exciting - and got the crowd involved a bit more. Andiver eventually tied it 11-11, Deerfield jumped ahead 14-12, though Isabel Taylor served Andover back into the lead at 16-14. Tied again at 18-18 Deerfield found a good rhythm to take a 22-19 lead. Deerfield tied the match at 1-1.
In the third set Andover's starters took control again, this time Isabel Taylor and Erica Shin providing service strings of 4 and 6 points respectively.
In the fourth set the Andover team got into a real strong groove defensively, which led to a varied attack at the net and strong hits. Everyone of the six rotations at the service line provided multiple points of 2, 5, 4, 4, 2, and 3 points.

A good match for the parents to see - a rare double header of two matches on the Family Weekend. What a joy to coach this wonderful group - many thanks to all who make it possible that we coaches get to have so much fun in such a great job.

Andover will take the next 3 days off for a long weekend and travel to SPS for a match on Wednesday.

Today's stats are:
Alex Becker 13 kills hitting 33 fo 37; 1 ace serving 11 of 13; blocking 4 for 4
Fran Trautman 11 kills hitting 35 of 40; 1 ace serving 12 of 12; blocking 1 for 1
Eden Livingston 5 kills hitting 16 of 17; 3 aces serving 9 of 11;
Nette Bell 27 assists; 1 kill hitting 7 of 8; 2 aces serving 17 of 19; blocking 2 for 2
Isabel Taylor 2 kills hitting 11 of 11; 5 aces serving 17 of 19; blocking 9 of 12
Evelyn Mesler 5 kills hitting 12 of 14; blocking 7 of 8
Erica Shin 1 kill hitting 7 of 8; 3 aces serving 12 of 13; digging 55 of 56

Andover (10-3) at Concord for the Second of Two Matches Against Saint Paul's (10-8)
At St. Paul's on October 29, 2014 at 3:30 PM

The first set proved a slow start for Andover, coming from behind to tie the match at 2-2, then again at 13-13, finally opening up the score and eventually winning set by 7 points.
The second set started on Alex Becker's service run of 6 points for a 6-0 lead and at the other end by Erica Shin's service run of 5 points to extend that to a 21-11 lead. It wrapped up at 25-13.
The third set had SPS take the lead twice before the 7-6 advantage, at which point, again, Erica Shin rattled off 5 service points for a 12-8 Andover advantage. Although SPS would come within 1 point at 20-21, Andover held tight close out the match at 3-0.

Today's stats leaders are:
Eden Livingston 10 kills, hitting 19 of 22, 2 aces serving 7 of 9.
Isabel Taylor, blocking 13 of 13
Erica Shin 3 aces serving 15 of 18, digging 39 of 41.

Andover (#4) has a week and a half to prepare for a rematch with Exeter (seeded #2 or #1 depending on the day) on Saturday Nov. 8th.

Andover Plays High Intensity Match Against Exeter Before Amazing Crowd
At home on November 8, 2014 at 3:45 PM

Andover #4 hosted Exeter #2 for the second match of the regular season at the traditional A/E (or E/A) homecoming. Congratulations to Exeter on their win!

In the first set Andover jumped to a 3-0 lead, thank Alex Becker, amidst noise that will eventually cause any that were present to buy hearing aids decades earlier than the average population (buy stock in hearing aid batteries now). Then Nette Bell stepped to the service line and pumped three of her serves for a 7-1 lead. Thereafter it was a give-n-go for the next 8 rotations, Exeter tying the set up and taking the lead at 17-16. At this point Eden Livingston served 4 straight for an Andover lead of 21-17 which Andover sustained through 25 to take a much spirited 1-0 lead.
The second set proved an enigma for Andover. Andover took 3-2 and 5-4 lead, tied it at 7-7, but then allowed Exeter multiple service runs for a deep hole and eventual 12-25 loss.
Match tied at 1-1, Exeter took that momentum into the third. Much closer this set, although Exeter never relinquished the lead. Andover's Eden Livingston returned in the third set after after tending to an injury incurred during the second set to serve two points, followed by Erica Shin erasing a 6-point deficit at 8-14 to a mere 12-14. A battle of side-outs and creeping catch-up Andover fought back to 21-23, but lost the third set 21-25.
Andover, it's back against the wall down 1-2 in sets pulled ahead 5-3, 6-4 lost the lead momentarily at 6-7, pulled ahead again to 9-7, 12-8, and surged on Alex Becker's serve to 19-10. Though Exeter would bring it to within three points at 20-23, Andover sends the match into a 5th at 25-20.
Though Exeter frog-leaped to a 6-2 advantage, Andover's Fran Trautman served Andover ahead 7-6. Exeter served to gain an 8-7 advantage at the side-switch. Andover and Exeter traded side-outs to tie at 8-8, 9-9, 10-10, 11-11. Exeter wins 15-11, and the Exeter stands emptied onto the court - mayhem!

Tomorrow Sunday the final tallies of the season will determine the final rankings of the regular season. If the standings hold Andover #4 plays Hotchkiss #5 (neutral site) on Wednesday.

Today's stats:
Nette Bell 35 assists (!!!), 1 ace serving 12 of 15.
Alex Becker 16 kills (!!!) hitting 43 of 45, 1 ace serving 22 of 22
Fran Trautman 5 kills hitting 26 of 31, 1 ace serving 11 of 14
Evelyn Mesler 5 kills hitting 9 of 10, 6 (!!!) stuffs, blocking 13 of 13
Isabel Taylor 4 kills hitting 8 of 14, serving 10 of 12, 4 stuffs blocking 12 of 15 (!!!)

Eden Livingston 3 kills hitting 13 of 17, 2 aces serving 15 of 15
Erica Shin digging 51 of 56

Thanks to an amazing crowd, the managers, the entire athletic department and trainers. A special thank you to the parents and alumni who supported us today from near rather than far. Andover closed the regular season at 10-4 and ready to pounce in the tournament.

#4 Andover - #5 Milton
At home on November 12, 2014 at 3:30 PM

Andover fans practically filled the east side bleachers for this quarterfinal match, the last home match for Andover of the season. THANKS for the support :) This win means PAVB will travel to #1 Choate for the semifinal match on Saturday.

Our first set started really slow for us. Although we had some really flashy plays in terms of a spectacular hit or ridiculously good up, Milton's defense limited us to only 4 service points in the whole first rotation. Erica Shin stepped to the service line for 3 consecutive serves to tie the game up at 9-9. Milton sided out and then their libero Marina Fleites flummoxed Andover with her side-wind-up serve for a 19-10 lead. Down 13-23, substitute Darcy Burnham stepped to the service line and brought Andover to 17-23. We switched sides with Milton ahead 1-0 because they played consistent volleyball well.
Janneke Evans started the second set at Opposite in the front row, Darcy Burnham taking over the back row for her. Isabel Taylor served Andover ahead 3-0 with her trademark laser serves, and Fran Trautman followed up with three of her own. Andover finally ahead 7-3 and gaining confidence, supported its server so we would score multiple points on each rotation, limiting Milton to scoring points on the side-outs. Andover found a better rhythm and Nette Bell spread the attack with her spot-on sets. Even though Alex Becker and Fran Trautman had combined for 8 kills in the first set, they only scored 3 total in the second. Isabel Taylor and Evelyn Mesler combined for a set-high 3 kills. No flashy results in the second set, and much better team work had Andover even out the sets 1-1 with a 25-14 win.
In the third set and another side change, it seemed that the south side was favored to win today. Milton quickly pulled ahead 4-1, 10-7, 14-9 after one complete rotation on the court. This is where Alex BEcker's serves and her team supporting this run led the team to a 17-14 advantage, turning the table and setting the tone for the rest of the match. 19-16, 21-17, 21-20 Milton was inching back Eden Livingstion served Andover ahead 23-20 though Milton fought back to 23-22. CRUCIAL side-outs and concentration had Andover win the third set 25-23.
In the fourth set Andover took the lead 5-3, but Milton stormed back 8-5. Andover tied it at 9-9; Milton sided out. Now 9-10 Andover again fielded the rotation of Alex Becker serving, this time putting PA ahead 17-10. That lead was extended by Isabel Taylor's 3 laser service points and Andover earns a semifinal berth on Saturday, closing out the match at 25-15.

Today's stats leaders:
Fran Trautman 14 kills, hitting 24 of 27, serving 11 of 12
Alex Becker 13 kills, hitting 27 of 33, serving 18 of 20
Isabel Taylor 5 kills, hitting 12 of 14, serving 5 aces 12 of 16; 3 stuffs blocking 6 of 6.
Evelyn Mesler 3 kills hitting 7 of 7; i stuff, blocking 8 of 8.
NETTE BELL 38 assists, 1 ace serving 8 of 8, AND 2 stuffs, blocking 9 of 10 !!!!
Erica Shin digging 24 of 26, and serve receiving 26 of 29.

I am incredibly proud of this team for digging deep into energy reserves when their attention has been hijacked by math and science exams, English and history papers, and language tests preparing for the push to finals starting next Monday.
Many thanks to the whole support team, starting with the Svec men, Howie, the three managers, Kenny the athletics technician, Tony the equipment manager, the whole training room staff, Lisa, Tina, and Karen in the athletics office. Without all their support we would not have a program. Most of all thanks to the parents and families of the players who have

sacrificed their time at home with them so that they could attend Andover, and a small time of that be vital participants of the volleyball program.

One more Friday team dinner! On to the semifinals in Wallingford, CT.

#4. Andover 2 - #1. Choate 3
At Choate on November 15, 2014 at 3:00 PM

Wow. Another great match. Semifinals hosted at Choate. Congratulations to coach Dave Loeb on his 400th win and the team on their trip to the finals at Exeter tomorrow versus the other semifinal winner Exeter.

In the first set, we sided out the first serve and Nette Bell hammered away three serves to put Andover ahead 4-0. Choate stayed in the match, down 6-12, they inched their way back through 7 rotations to 20-21, but Nette Bell's service point clinched a 1-0 lead for Andover at 25-21.
In the second set, Choate took a 7-2 lead, but Andover fought it's way back in 8 rotations to a 21-21 tie (sound familiar?) Choate secured two more side outs and tied the match at 1-1.
In the third set Choate took a 5-0 lead, though Nette Bell served Andover back into contention at 4-5. Four rotations later Choate found a groove to go ahead 15-7, and Andover's Erica Shin served Andover back into contention at 14-15. Do you see a pattern? Choate went ahead 19-17, and Andover tied it at 19-19. Choate wins the second set 25-21.
Well, set 4 was a must for Andover, and they did not disappoint. Andover pulled ahead 5-2, 8-5., Choate tied it at 8-8. Andover went ahead 10-8, 12-10, 13-11. Choate tied it at 13-13. Andover went ahead 16-13, 18-15, 20-16, 21-17, and gosh-dean it Choate ALMOST ties it up 20-21. Andover pulls off a side-out and secures a 22-20 advantage, but Choate sides-out .... and so do we. 22-21. Fran Trautmann serves out the set. We go to a fifth.
The crowd ringing the upstairs half of the court wakes up. Andover goes ahead 2-0. Choate 3-2; Andover ties it 3-3. C 4-3; A 4-4. C 6-4; A 6-5. C 7-5, and Andover's Erica Shin serves us ahead 8-7. Change of sides and, oh no, Choate takes a 12-8 lead. Alex Becker serves Andover back into contention to 11-12. Choate sides out and severs two winners. Set, Match, Season.

To say that we are proud of the Andover girls is an understatement. Would it have been nice to win? Sure. What I will remember most is the dedication to team, to fun, to sportsmanship. Thank you PAVB for another GREAT season.
Thanks to Lisa, Tina, Leon, and Karen in the office, to Kathy, Mike, Amy, Alli in the training room, to Tony, Steve in equipment; Karyn, Kenny, Jose, Dennis, and of course Jerome :) of athletics. Thanks to our managers Thayer, Achindra and Jonny, to Alex and Howie for the their love of the game. A huge thank you to my compadre in arms who puts up with all my bad jokes and covers for my mistakes.

A shout-out to all the parents and families.

We have three seniors who have been so fundamentally important to our success. Alex Becker, Isabel Taylor, and Eden Livingston. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Today's stats:
Alex Becker 12 kills, hitting 47 of 57, serving 12 of 15; digging 28 of 31
Fran Trautmann 12 kills hitting 29 of 38; 1 ace, serving 15 of 17; digging 21 of 24
Eden Livingston 4 kills hitting 19 of 19; 2 aces, serving 11 of 14; 2 blocks; digging 20 of 26
Isabel Taylor 4 kills hitting 21 of 22; 1 aces serving 12 of 16; 1 stuff, blocking 7 of 7
Evelyn Mesler 4 kills hitting 12 of 12; 2 stuffs, blocking 9 of 10
Erica Shin 1 kill; 2 aces, serving 17 of 18; digging 53 of 59.
Nette Bell 41 assists; serving 19 of 21

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Upper Captains to Lead Team

With five new additions to its roster, Andover Girls Volleyball is searching for its first Championship in three years.

Despite kicking off its 2013 season with a strong few games, Andover faltered down the stretch. The team ended last season on a disappointing note with two consecutive losses for an 8-7 record.

"The team had strong potential and was treated with respect by opponents who eventually bested us; we took one or two sets off the eventual semifinalists even with changing line-ups throughout the season," said Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith.

"We worked hard, and I don't think our record reflected that effort," said Co-Captain Erica Shin '16.

Andover hopes to improve with newcomers Sydney Baumgardt '16, Franziska Trautmann '16, Darcy Burnham '18, Janneke Evans '18 and Claudia Leopold '18, who all boast extraordinary talent and experience with the sport.

"We've been lacking height in our front row. All of our new girls will be a great addition to the team because of their vertical," said Shin.

Co-Captain Annette Bell '16 added, "[The rookies] are all amazing players, especially [Trautmann], who has a killer line shot."

These rookies have big shoes to fill after Andover graduated five Seniors last year: Captain Kate Wincek '14, Becca Federman '14, Amanda Reichenbach '14, Veronica Hildenbrand '14 and Katherine Krabek '14.

These rookies will have guidance and support from Co-Captains Bell and Shin, both skilled players in different ways.

"[Bell] is a great communicator on and off the court. She has absolutely killer, dependable serves. [Shin] is ready for everything on the court, and she never lets anything drop. She's super flexible and can play either hitter or setter, depending on where we need her... Together they make phenomenal captains because they understand each other and each set an amazing example for the entire team," said Eden Livingston '15.

In addition to Bell and Shin, Andover's returning cast includes Alex Becker '15, Livingston, Isabel Taylor '15, Tiffany Bauman '16 and Evelyn Mesler '17.

Andover hopes to maintain a consistent lineup throughout the season and its team chemistry on the court. In practice, the team will focus on conditioning to maintain a high level of agility and endurance.

"We are fortunate to have amazing back row players, especially [Becker] and [Shin], who can cover 90 percent of the court by themselves," said Bell.

The team will play its season-opener against Governor's on Friday at home.

Andover Girls Volleyball last won a Championship three years ago

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Three-Game Win Streak Launches Promising Season

A kill to the left back of the court from Franziska Trautmann '16 earned Andover Girls Volleyball the winning point to secure a 3-0 shutout over Taft on Saturday. The victory followed a 3-1 win against Hotchkiss earlier that day for a decisive season-opening doubleheader.

Andover's three-game winning streak this past week reflects its consistency and ability to recover when losing. "In volleyball it's really easy to get down on yourself after losing consecutive points, so it's important to be mentally strong and bounce back. [Co-Captain] Annette [Bell '16] and I tried to emphasize that, and it proved to be very effective," said Co-Captain Erica Shin '16.

Andover started on a strong foot, maintaining a significant lead throughout the first set against Taft and claiming it 25-18.

The team had a shaky start to the second set. As the set progressed, however, the team came together, and rocket hits from Alex Becker '15 and Trautmann sealed a 25-13 victory.

A slow start to the third set forced Andover to come back from a 9-5 deficit. Again, Becker was an offensive force, putting Andover back in the lead 14-11. Sydney Baumgardt '16 proved her athletic prowess and hit precisely from the outside to close out the set and the match 25-19.

In the opening set against Hotchkiss, Andover grabbed a quick lead thanks to powerhouse serves from Bell and Isabel Taylor '15.

Andover's focus slipped in the middle of the first set, allowing Hotchkiss to slash the deficit to a mere two points at 20-18.

After a timeout, Becker and Trautmann spiked away Hotchkiss's chances, sealing the score of the first set 25-20 Andover.

"We definitely had more chemistry on the court and became more consistent in everything, including serves," said Trautmann.

Andover lagged in the second set, falling behind Hotchkiss 17-14. Even as Andover picked up momentum, Hotchkiss stood tall at the net and made life difficult for Andover's hitters.

With three successful hits, Eden Livingston '15 swung the momentum around and helped revitalize Andover's game, and the team closed the set with a 26-24 win.

"Volleyball is a quick game, you can always come back from everything," said Trautmann.

Andover and Hotchkiss battled head to head in a nailbiter of a third set, but Andover scraped ahead by hitting over the blocks that Hotchkiss put up and digging deep to reach any challenging hits that Hotchkiss sent its way.

An ace from Trautmann put Andover on top 25-22 in the third set, sealing a 3-0 victory.

On Tuesday, the team rode its wave of momentum in a scrimmage against Central Catholic High School. Andover played in different rotations and took advantage of the chance for its entire roster to get playing time.

The team breezed through the first set 25-18, but faltered a little bit in the second. After a loss of momentum and inconsistency in its serves, Andover trailed 5-11.

Andover bounced back and regained control with hits from Trautmann and Taylor propelling the team to a 25-20 win.

A tired Andover team fell short in the third set 25-15, which brought the match to 2-1.

Coming off of the lost set, Andover returned with newfound determination and energy thanks to powerful serves from Evelyn Mesler '17 and hits from Janneke Evans '18. Andover's resurgence propelled them to a 25-11 win, closing out the match 3-1.

Andover will look to continue this upward momentum in its scrimmage against Andover High at home on Friday

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Andover Finds Redemption in Sweep of St.Pauls

With the score tied at 14-14 in the final set of Andover Girls Volleyball's match against Andover High School this past Friday, Evelyn Mesler '17 blocked a rocket cross to give Andover a one-point lead. Eden Livingston '15 then closed out the match 16-14 with a firing ace to win the set and the match for Andover, 3-2.

Andover improved to a record of 2-0 with the win, but fell to 2-1 following a loss to Loomis Chaffee on Saturday. A win on Tuesday against St. Paul's pushed Andover's record to 3-1.

After losing the first set 15-25, Andover took the second set 25-12 with consistent serves from Isabel Taylor '15 and The Phillipian's "Athlete of the Week" Franziska Trautmann '16, as well as blocks from Mesler.

"[Mesler] showed very impressive leadership on the court in calling for the ball and taking control of the plays," said Co-Captain Annette Bell '16.

Andover fell 22-25 in the third set after Andover High took an early lead and Andover was unable to close the gap. In the fourth set, energized by the crowd, Andover took the first point and never looked back en route to a 25-16 victory.

With the score knotted at 2-2, Andover and Andover High went back and forth in the fifth set before Andover sealed the victory at 16-14.

"Once the rally started, adrenaline was rushing through our veins, and everyone was moving way faster. We were able to anticipate and see the ball before it came," said Bell.

"[Andover High's] setter is fantastic. Honestly I wonder if her shoulders are tired from carrying her team. She was everywhere," said Co-Captain Erica Shin '16 on the skill of Andover High's team.

Andover took its first loss on Saturday to Loomis Chaffee, the strongest team that it has faced this season.

Andover quickly fell behind in the first set, 10-6, but battled back to 14-12 following strong play from Shin and Alex Becker '15. The barrage of consecutive points was followed by back-and-forth points from each team before Andover won the set, 27-25, with serves from Bell.

Andover could not follow up with the same intensity in the second set and fell 20-25.Livingston said, "When the same mistake happens two times in a row, we tried to change it up majorly. We would pull another person in the back to pass, or change up our lineup."

Despite a 14-11 lead in the third set, Andover lost nine consecutive serves from Loomis and fell 20-14. The Loomis momentum secured a 25-18 victory for the team in the fourth set.

Andover continued its streaky performance into the fourth set and lost 15-25 to lose the match 3-1.

"If you are the team that is down, it is really hard to stay focused and get back," said Shin.

Andover went into its match against St. Paul's on Tuesday ready to avenge its loss.

Livingston and Becker kicked off the scoring for Andover and propelled it to an impressive 25-11 win in the first set.

"Becker was killing it. I think all the ones that she hit were either kills or close to it," said Bell.

Taylor added, "They had a lot of trouble with defending our hits, especially the hard crosses from [Becker] and [Trautmann]."

With support from the Blue Key Heads and the crowd, Andover exploited St. Paul's weaknesses. St. Paul's, unfamiliar with Andover's style of play, was specifically thrown off by Bell's set to the backcourt. The second set ended 25-12 in Andover's favor.

"St. Paul's did not have a very strong defense, so we were able to exploit their passers that weren't as strong," said Livingston.

Andover broke out to an early 20-8 lead in the third set and did not look back. Shin served five consecutive points, and Andover won 25-8 and 3-0 on the game.

Andover looks to continue its momentum in a game against Northfield Mount Hermon at home on Saturday.

Isabel Taylor '15 winds up for a spike against St. Pauls.

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Andover Finds Redemption in Sweep of St.Pauls
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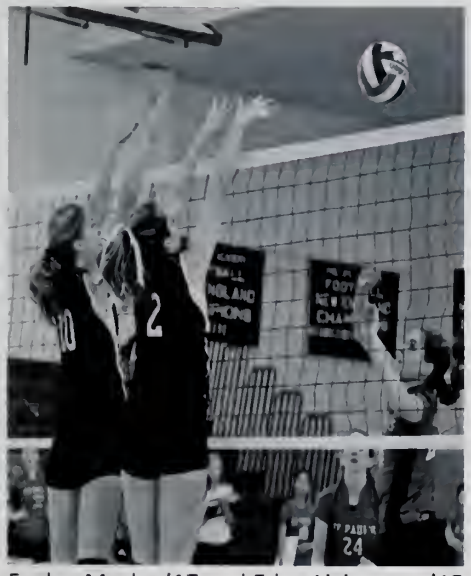

Evelyn Mesler '17 and Eden Livingston '15 jump up for a block

Serves from Annette Bell '17 were critical in Andover's win over Loomis

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Girls Bounce Back to Best BB&N

Andover Girls Volleyball completed its third sweep in four consecutive games with a 3-0 victory over BB&N on Wednesday.

On Sunday, however, Andover fell for the second time this season with a 3-1 loss to Choate.

Against BB&N, Darcy Burnham '18 served four consecutive points to give Andover an early 9-4 lead in the first set. The team maintained its lead throughout the set and finished at 25-22.

"They didn't have very strong hitters, which gave us an advantage, but their setter was all over the court," said Tiffany Bauman '16.

Bauman and Burnham both served well in the second set, boosting Andover to a 25-15 win.

"We started out a little shaky. Things went better in the second set because our energy was back up and we played more cohesively," said Claudia Leopold '18.

"Our enthusiasm and our level of play improved throughout the game," added Janneke Evans '18.

In the third set, Co-Captain Annette Bell '16 served four consecutive points to propel Andover Girls Volleyball to an early 4-0 lead.

Andover would ride this momentum to a 25-14 set victory and a 3-0 sweep of BB&N.

Andover made alterations to its starting lineup to allow substitutes to get playing time.

"We worked on changing the tempo during this game," said Leopold.

Burnham had three aces and a kill percentage of 96. Co-Captain Erica Shin '16 had a strong defensive showing with 37 digs.

On Saturday, Andover fell to an undefeated Choate team 3-1.

Despite an early lead in the first set, Andover allowed Choate to gain momentum and go up 15-8. Under the leadership of Eden Livingston '15, Andover rallied back to almost even the score at 21-22. The rally's momentum was quelled, however, when Choate scored three more points to win the set 25-22.

"When Choate got a really good quick play in, we would get down and they could easily push points on us," said Franziska Trautmann '16.

Down early in the second set after service errors, Andover scraped out points to bring the score to 18-15 from 9-2. Once again, however, Choate maintained its lead and won the set, 25-20.

"Choate did really well working their middle [hitter, who is] big and can hit [the ball] where she wants to. It was hard to put a block on her because she is tall and quick, so it put a lot of pressure on our defense," said Trautmann.

Eager to avenge its previous set losses, Andover entered the third set with strong communication. To match up against Choate's middle hitter, Andover shifted its defensive mindset and won the set 25-21 with four consecutive points from Alex Becker '15.

"After the second set, we started working as a team. Once we got that down, it was a different game. We did really well offensively, changing the speed of the ball and placing it where we wanted to. We worked well around Choate's huge blocks," said Trautmann.

While Andover seemed poised to take the fourth set, the team faltered down the stretch and allowed Choate to close the set with a 25-18 victory.

Despite the loss, Trautmann and Becker both boasted good offensive performances with eight and nine kills, respectively. Bell had a perfect serving game with 18 successful serves.

Andover ended the week with a 5-2 record. The team takes on Dana Hall on Saturday at home.

Franziska Trautmann '16 joins the team from Louisiana this year

VOLLEYBALL

Six straight serves from Co-Captain Annette Bell '16 set the tone early for Andover Girls Volleyball on Saturday, bumping the team to an immediate 6-0 lead over Dana Hall. Andover went on to win in three straight sets.

Supported by kills from Franziska Trautmann '16 and serves from Bell, Andover closed out the first set 25-8. Starting slow in the second set, six serves from Trautmann propelled Andover from a 5-7 deficit to up 13-7, ultimately closing the set 25-17. "In the second set we had a lot of good momentum going; we also had a lot of people playing different positions. We were trying different things because we were confident that we could come back from just about any deficit," said Alex Becker '15. Evelyn Mesler '17 moved from the middle to the outside, and Co-Captain Erica Shin '16 shifted from libero to right hitter as Andover entered the third set. Andover continued to play its adjusted line in the third set, but dropped to a six-point deficit early in the set. Dana Hall kept its lead until the score reached 15-21. Andover then went on a run, winning ten out of 12 consecutive points. Dana Hall was unable to recover, as Andover continued to win point after point, ultimately ending the set with a score of 25-23. This resulted in a 3-0 win for the game. "Our serves allowed us to come back, and [Bell] gave us the lead with her aces," said Darcy Burnham '18. "We came back because of [Bell's] serves. That girl is on fire whenever she serves," said Becker. Wednesday, the team went on the road against a talented Exeter team, whose record stood at 9-1. Andover, carrying its momentum from its win against Dana Hall, took the lead early in the first set, 5-1. Exeter rallied with a 2-20 run, putting Andover in a hole that would prove too large to climb out of. Down 7-21, Andover managed to salvage seven of the last 11 points scored to bring the score to 14-25. Exeter carried that momentum into the second set, jumping to a 1-8 lead before Andover managed to pull ahead 11-9. The lead proved short lived, however, as Andover ultimately lost the set 17-25. Andover came out strong in the third set, maintaining a lead for a final score of 25-19. In the fourth set, both teams showed grit and determination. Exeter hammered home 12 straight serves to pull ahead after the set started with a score of 5-3. Down 5-16 after Exeter's run, Andover traded points with Exeter to bring the set to 14-23. Trautmann's serves provided a final burst of power, bringing Andover within three points of Exeter, 20-23. Unfortunately, Andover's late push fell short, and it dropped the fourth and final set 22-25 and the match 3-1.

With a current record of 6-3, Andover looks for its seventh win at Northfield Mount Hermon on Saturday

Andover has five games before playoffs begin

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Andover Sweeps NMH with 3-0 Win

Notorious for her killer spikes, outside hitter Alex Becker '15 rocketed the ball past her opponents to score Andover's match point against Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH), closing out the third set 25-20. With a hit percentage of 82 percent and ten kills in the match, Becker was an unstoppable offensive force in Andover's victory.

Andover defeated NMH in three straight sets this past Saturday, bringing its record to 4-1. Andover took the lead from the start of the first set. A serve from Sydney Baumgardt '16 to the back left finished the set 25-13.

"Our serves were great, very aggressive and consistent," said Darcy Burnham '18.

Despite ending strong in the first, Andover got off to a slow start in the second set. After alternating points up to 11-10, perfect sets from Annette Bell '16 and powerful hits from Franziska Trautmann '16 propelled the team forward. Bell and Trautmann worked together to bring the score to 19-11 through consistent serves and good communication. Bell had five aces in the match and Trautmann had three. Multiple blocks from Evelyn Mesler '17 came in at a critical time to close out the set in Andover's favor, 25-13.

Andover was slow to start in the third set. From 1-2 to 3-7, it seemed like NMH could take the set. Facing a four-point deficit, Andover picked up its intensity and communicated more effectively.

The team worked together to slowly close the gap. Strikes from Becker and digs from Erica Shin '16 brought the score to 12-14. Shin had an impressive 45 digs on the day.

"Erica did not let anything touch the ground even when we could afford to lose the point," said Becker.

At 14-17, Janneke Evans '18 blocked a hit from the outside and initiated Andover's run to 21-18. The team worked collaboratively to end the final set 25-20. This was Andover's third time sweeping a team 3-0.

Andover's safe lead allowed bench players to get good playing time, preparing them well for future games.

"Since we had a big lead on this team, it was not as [much] of a competition, and we were able to get everyone in and have some playtime. We would not have done this [against] Choate or Exeter," said Evans.

"We kept playing at a fairly competitive level even when it became apparent that the competition was not going to be tough. It was really encouraging to see our serves staying strong and to see our bench come in with such enthusiasm and readiness to play," said Becker.

Despite the victory, the team struggled to stay consistent throughout the entire match. At a few points in each set, players fell into slumps and collectively lost energy on the court.

"We could work on our timing and energy. I feel like at times we had a lot more energy and were a lot more pumped up about the game," said Evans.

"Once we make a mistake, we begin to fall short and lose momentum, thus losing points consecutively. Overall, we are focusing onimproving our mental game. For away games, we tend to come off of the bus tired and that really reflects in our play. On Sunday [against Choate], we will focus on getting our energy up from the start. It will be extremely important that we uphold it, as Choate is a tough team," added Tiffany Bauman '16.

To combat this weakness, Andover will focus on speeding up its offense against Choate.

"We have been running a lot of combination plays in practice, meaning that the outside, middle and right side all go for a hit at the same time. Then, the blocker won't know who to block, and the defense as a whole won't know who to defend. It's the best of both worlds," said Trautmann.

With the implementation of a new offensive mindset, Andover looks to continue its winning streak this Sunday at Choate.

Co-Captain Annette Bell '16 and Alex Becker '15 combined to form a dominant front line against NMH

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Girls Dig Out Three Wins

Andover Girls Volleyball continued its winning streak with three consecutive wins against Milton, Deerfield and St. Paul's this past week.

On Friday, Andover dropped the first two points to Milton due to a lack of energy. The small deficit was quickly wiped away by nine consecutive serves from Co-Captain Annette Bell '16. Hits from Alex Becker '1S and Eden Livingston '1S ricocheted off of Milton's players, bringing the first set to a close at 25-9.

"Our passes were definitely on and our hitting was ridiculous. We were being super aggressive from the start to get a big lead," said Darcy Burnham '18.

In the second set, Andover altered its lineup and switched out four of its starters. With new players in, the team still maintained a significant margin over Milton. Franziska Trautmann '16 closed out the second set, 2S-16, with a clean hit.

"We had a lot of trouble passing the serve in the second set, which meant that we had really weak attacks, which let Milton push through and gain more points," said Evelyn Mesler '17.

Andover worked to give more of its players a chance to play in new positions in the third set. With the score tied at 10-10, Bell served nine straight points to give Andover a comfortable lead. After a timeout, Livingston spiked the ball to end the third set 2S-21. Bell only missed two of her 26 serves against Milton.

"Milton had trouble with receiving and passing to their setter, making it difficult for them to hit," said Mesler. "I think that this [win] kept up our team spirit, which made playing more fun allowing us to let loose and really hit the ball."

On Saturday, Andover beat Deerfield, 3-1. The team jumped out to a strong start with Bell serving to a 10-0 lead. Andover proceeded to win the set 2S-10.

Deerfield gained momentum and found more confidence in its hitting in the second set. Andover was able to catch up and tie Deerfield at 11-11. Strong serving from Isabel Taylor '1S put Andover up 16-14, but Deerfield worked cohesively to win the second set, 22-2S.

"Sometimes what happens is that when the people on the court change, you have to play next to somebody that you have not been playing next to before. The timing was just not the same," said Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith. "Deerfield got in a very big lead, which brought our momentum down. We forgot to run and do sprints before the match, which we always do. So I think that had a huge effect on our playing," added Tiffany Bauman '16.

Andover held the lead throughout the third set, with its starters back on the court. Taylor and Co-Captain Erica Shin '16 served out the set, 25-13.

In the fourth and final set, Andover maintained the lead all the way from 2-0 to 18-11. Tips from Mesler and hits from Trautmann brought the score to 24-13, and Shin served the match point to end the fourth set 2S-13.

"Deerfield came out swinging and played better than Milton did. After we beat them in the first set, I think we sort of gave up because we thought we would beat them in the next couple sets without even trying, causing us to lose the second set," said Taylor.

This past Wednesday, Andover swept St. Paul's 3-0. Andover won the first set 2S-19, the second set 2S-13 and the third and final set 2S-21.

"St. Paul's improved since we saw them earlier this season. It was startling at first, but then we adapted and played more cohesively as a team," said Mesler.

Shin boasted three aces, and Livingston had an impressive ten kills. Bell had 31 assists and Taylor had 13 blocks during the game.

"Isabel had a strong offensive game playing middle," said Mesler.

Andover Girls Volleyball ends this week with a 10-3 record. The team will have a long week and a half of practice to prepare for its rematch against Exeter next Saturday as part of Andover-Exeter Weekend.

Isabel Taylor '1S is Andover's blocking presence in the middle.

Alex Becker '1S has played a vital part in Andover's offensive attack ever since joining her Junior year.

SPORTS
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Girls Secure Seventh 3-0 Sweep

Andover Girls Volleyball defeated Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) in a 3-0 sweep this past Saturday for its seventh shutout of the season. Andover came out flat in the first set, allowing NMH to jump to an early 8-3 lead. "Three of the seven starters had the PSATs that morning, so we were a little tired mentally. It is a long drive up to NMH, so coming off the bus and having to jump right into the game was tough," said Co-Captain Erica Shin '16. Serves from Eden Livingston '15 brought the score to 8-8, and Shin followed with a dominant run of her own, bringing the team to a comfortable 15-9 lead. Andover continued to string points together, ending the first set 25-16. Alex Becker '15 opened the second set with 11 straight served points, propelling Andover to an early advantage. The team maintained control throughout the duration of the set without letting NMH recover. Janneke Evans '18 and Darcy Burnham '18 came off the bench and were key contributors to Andover's dominant 25-9 victory. "We really excelled in our serving in the second set. Becker's serves, in particular, were flawless," said Co-Captain Annette Bell '16, who had 23 assists against NMH. "Once we got moving, we hit our stride and started working together more cohesively. Every point added to our momentum, and we stopped making silly mistakes," Shin added.

The team made more substitutions in the third set, allowing for players to get game experience in different positions. The new lineup featured Tiffany Bauman '16 setting, Evans and Claudia Leopold '18 blocking the middle, Franziska Trautmann '16 and Burnham hitting outside, Sydney Baumgardt '16 playing opposite and Shin as libero. "[Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith] has been pushing us to work on different attacks, ranging from back row hits to faster pace balls in the middle and the outside. This has made our play stronger," said Bell.
Andover and NMH went toe-to-toe in the beginning until NMH took a 21-20 lead. Shin and Trautmann successfully served for the rest of the set, only giving up one point, to take the third set 25-22. "We played our strengths by hitting them with strong serves, staying scrappy and attacking with hard-driven hits," said Shin. "After we changed the lineup in the third set, our communication began to die, and we lost focus for two or three points. But once we regained focus, our communication picked up and we were able to finish out the set and take the win," said Bell. With the win, Andover stands at 7-3 and is currently the fourth seed in its division. The team will face Milton, the current sixth seed, on Friday and Deerfield, the seventh seed, on Saturday

Evelyn Mesler '17 slides to set up a spike for Eden Livingston '15•

CAPTAINS FEATURE

When asked about their greatest strengths on and off the court, Andover Girls Volleyball Co-Captains Annette Bell '16 and Erica Shin '16 were quick to heap adulation on the other instead of praising their own games.

"Bell's got a killer jump serve which is impossible to pass. I know, because I've tried," Shin said.

Bell said, "[Andover Girls Volleyball] wouldn't be the same without [Shin], because she puts her whole heart into the game and rarely lets the ball drop."

It was precisely that whole-hearted, team-first mentality that landed the two Uppers Captainships on a team not lacking in leadership from its Seniors.

"[Shin and Bell] always do more than they're expected [to do] on the court. They play vital roles in the rotation, and it's evident that they play to their fullest. They dive for every ball and ensure they give their all to make a play work," said teammate Tiffany Bauman '16.

Both Co-Captains lead by example and inspire the team to reach its full potential.

"When we make mistakes, they never approach us in an aggressive tone. Whenever we have trouble in a set, they are there to provide us with words that calm our nerves and motivate us to do better," said Bauman.

Bell, whose sister Alexi Bell '13 was Captain two years ago, has come into her own in her third year on the team.

"Bell really is an extraordinary player. One of [Bell's] biggest strengths is that she's an excellent server," said Shin.

With Bell up front, Shin anchors the back row for Andover as libero, and the two Co-Captains often complement each other in the game.

"[Shin] reads the ball like no other. Even when it seems impossible to get, she dives and somehow manages to get it to a place where I can set anyone," said Bell.

"I can always count on her to take command of the back row," she continued.

A close-knit group that is known for its original — and often unorthodox — team psyches, the team has always had high expectations, and this season Bell and Shin have similar hopes for Andover Girls Volleyball.

"I think it's fair to say with our skill level and the amazing girls we have on this team, we can go all the way," said Bell. "This group of girls really knows how to have fun... which just strengthens the team dynamic and allows us to play together more cohesively."

Shin confidently agreed that the number-one goal for the team was to win a championship.

"Coming to practice and seeing the girls on the team is the best part of my day because they just bring so much life and energy and personality to the sport. I know that I can count on them to step it up when the game's on the line and the score is really close," said Shin.

"Honestly, I'm really humbled to be the Co-Captain of a team full of such amazing girls who are so strong as individuals and supportive of each other. We play for each other," she added.

Annette Bell '16

Erica Shin '16

SPORTS
VOLLEYBALL
Andover Spikes Its Way to Semi-Finals

With Andover Volleyball trailing by four points in the third set, Alex Becker '15 slammed a cross-court spike that fired up the Andover crowd and gave the team momentum at a crucial point in its match against Exeter this past Saturday. Despite the team's efforts, Andover fell to Exeter 3-2.

"We came out ready to win. Since we won the first point, the whole crowd got pumped up and loud," said Franziska Trautmann '16.

Overwhelmed by the cheers and blaring vuvuzelas, Exeter dropped behind early in the first set. Becker made good use of her speed and aim, giving Andover a 7-1 advantage. Andover's lead began to narrow progressively until Exeter overtook Andover at 16-17.

Eden Livingston '15 ended Exeter's short reign with four powerful serves, bringing the score to 21-17. Andover scraped out the last four points to capture the first set 25-21.

"We came out swinging; it was our house and we wanted to win. We played as one unit. There was no question that everyone was responsible for their own section and we all worked as one," said Becker.

After a consistent and strong first set, Andover lost a string of points midway through the second set. Alternating points all the way to 7-7, Exeter found its stride and captured a 14-9 lead. The second set ended 25-12, with Andover unable to close the large gap. With Livingston injured towards the end of the second set, Andover was forced to adjust its lineup for the rest of the match.

"We were already in a rut when the injury happened. It takes time to get used to new people playing on the court with you," said Evelyn Mesler '17.

After it won the second set with a large margin, Exeter brought its momentum into the start of the third set. It held the lead from 7-5 to 14-9. Andover, unable to adapt to its new lineup, fell 25-21 to drop two sets in a row.

Andover held a significant lead in the fourth set. Becker's serves extended Andover's lead to 19-10. Exeter fought back and brought the score to 23-20. At 24-20, Mesler hit over its block to even the set score, 2-2, by ending the fourth 25-20.

"There was more pressure to win in the fourth because if we did not win we would lose immediately. When there is less pressure to win sometimes you can brush off a few mis-hits. We all focused and got our acts together," said Mesler.

In the fifth set Andover lost a small lead to fall behind 8-7. Exeter edged out Andover with the last few points, winning the fifth set 15-11.

After a close loss to its rival, Volleyball proceeded to be the only Andover team to win its first Championship match this season.

Andover defeated Milton comfortably. After dropping the first set, the team stormed back to win by a 3-1 margin.

Because it fell behind 19-10 in the first set, Andover was unable to mount a significant comeback. The team lost the set 25-18.

"We came out really without any energy, but they came out swinging because they knew that they had to put up a fight to win," said Isabel Taylor '15.

Andover regrouped for the second set. With Taylor's accurate serves, the team quickly captured a 3-0 lead. This lead continued to 9-3 and 16-8. This gap stayed consistent throughout the entire set. At 24-14 Mesler hit to the back left to secure the second set with a 25-14.

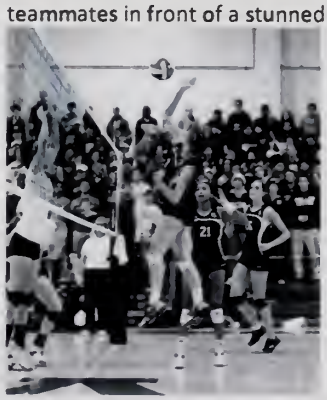
In the third set Andover trailed by as much as four points midway through the set. With tips from Co-Captain Annette Bell '16 and Taylor, Andover jumped ahead to 17-15. The score stayed within two all the way to the conclusion, where Becker hit a side out for the set-clinching point.

"[Becker] did a great job today. She hit extremely hard today even though her knee is injured," said Taylor.

Andover held the lead into the beginning of the fourth set. With Becker's serves, Andover leaped ahead to 17-10. Trautmann and Becker ended the final set with two consecutive hits for the 3-1 victory.

As the only Andover team left in the playoffs, the team will play its next match on Sunday in its quest for the championship.

Alex Becker '15 (center) celebrates a spike with her teammates in front of a stunned Exeter crowd.



Franziska Trautmann '16 pounds the ball over the net.

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Girls Volleyball

After two weeks of recovery and preparation, Andover Girls Volleyball is poised to scrape every point from archrival Exeter. Currently, Andover stands at a regular-season record of 10-3 and Exeter at 13-7, respectively.
Last year, Andover saw Andover-Exeter slip through its fingers, with set scores of 25-27, 21-25, 25-14 and 21-25. Each set could have gone either way, highlighting the even matchup and intensity that comes with Andover-Exeter games.
Andover faced a similar defeat earlier this season on October 15, losing in a four set game 3-1. Andover worked to crawl its way back into the game in the first set, but was not able to regain its lost ground and fell 14-25. Exeter took the second set as well, 17-25. In the third set, Andover consistently held the lead to secure a 25-19 win. Andover bounced back from a slow start in the fourth set, but it was not enough and Andover lost 22-25.
"[Last game] Exeter took us by surprise. They played a truly phenomenal game. They found the floor on every hit and they just wanted it more than we did. Exeter was on its home court then, but it's our turn now," said Co-Captain Erica Shin '16.
Heading into the match on Saturday, Andover is focusing on closing the gap between the blocks and stopping balls at the net. With only losses in Andover's immediate Andover-Exeter past, Andover will need to bring great focus and take the game point by point.

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3:45 P.M.
Borden Gym

Sport: Boys Water Polo

Year: 2014

Captains: Nicholas Faulkner, Marc Sevastopoulo

Coach: Howie Kalter

Assistant Coach: Dan O'Shea

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Elliot, Sagay
Faulkner, Nicholas
Li, Alexander
Li, Christopher
Liu, felix
Norris, Dylan
Sevastopoulo, Marc
Taylor, Jake
Teo, Aaron
Ty, Darren
Ward, Noah

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Water Polo Boys Varsity
2014 Roster

No.	Name	Yr	Hometown
1A	Choi, Thomas	2016	Singapore,SGP
1	Sagay, Elliot	2015	Irvine, CA
3	Alberga, Christian	2017	Kingston , JAM
4	Tran, Daniel	2017	Windham, NH
5	Ty, Darren	2016	North Andover, MA
6	Teo, Aaron	2015	Singapore , SGP
7	Kim, Won Woo	2015	Seoul, KOR
8	Janoschek, Benjamin	2016	Acton, MA
9	Liu, Felix	2015	HKG
10	Li, Alexander	2015	Riverside, CT
11	Li, Christopher	2015	Riverside, CT
12	Taylor, Jake	2016	Sagaponack, NY
13	Sevastopoulo, Marc *	2015	New York, NY
14	Faulkner, Nicholas *	2016	Homer, AK
15	Orgul, Sarp	2016	Marysville, WA
16	Xue, Jonathan	2017	Andover, MA
17	Norris, Dylan	2016	Andover, MA
18	Cakir, Benjamin	2018	Santa Monica, CA

* Captains

Coach: Howie Kalter
Assistant Coach: Dan O'Shea

Managers: Claire Im '15, Kelly Xia '15, Kelsey Norris '16

Water Polo Boys Varsity
Schedule and Record

Record: 7-7-0

Date/Time	Opponent	H/A	Type	Score
9/13 @ 4:00 PM	Hopkins	A	Game	L 5-8
9/13 @ 5:00 PM	Loomis Chaffee	A	Game	W 8-7
9/17 @ 3:15 PM	Exeter	A	Game	L 16-5
9/20 @ 1:30 PM	Deerfield	A	Game	L 3-10
9/20 @ 1:30 PM	Brunswick	A	Game	L 4-17
9/27 @ 2:00 PM	Williston	A	Game	W 18-11
9/27 @ 2:00 PM	Hotchkiss School	A	Game	W 11-7
10/5 @ 12:00 PM	Choate	A	Game	W 7-6
10/11 @ 4:00 PM	Loomis Chaffee	H	Game	W 12-9
10/15 @ 4:30 PM	Suffield	A	Game	W 12-9
10/17 @ 3:30 PM	St. John's Prep	H	Game	W 12-1
10/25 @ 3:30 PM	Deerfield	H	Game	L 5-10
10/29 @ 3:00 PM	Exeter	H	Game	L 5-8
11/5 @ 4:00 PM	Tournament Play-in (Suffield)	A	Game	L 10-15

BOYS WATER POLO
First Championship Spurs High Hopes

After its first New England title and its best-ever regular season record at 10-4, Andover Boys' Water Polo will look for success in the pool despite the loss of ten seniors.

Andover's team is headlined by Co-Captains Marc Sevastopoulo '15 and Nick Faulkner '16, and bolstered by Seniors Eliot Sagay '15, Chris Li '15 and Aaron Teo '15. Anchored by players who have experience in water polo and have trained in swimming for years, speed in the water will be a huge advantage for the team.

"Historically, we've been very strong in the counter-attack; that's where we can really catch up to our opponents, and Co-Captains Faulkner and Sevastopoulo will definitely keep it strong," said Sagay, the team's starting goalie.

Sagay looks to fill the void of Rome Arnold '14, who was voted Most Outstanding Goalie in the Championship Tournament last year.

"Obviously I learned a lot training with Arnold every day in the pool, and combined with my experience in previous matches, I think I'm prepared," said Sagay.

Jonathan Xue '17 added, "I think he might do even better than Arnold last year."

The team will focus on integrating newcomers with the returning team to create a close-knit unit.

"All the returners are pretty cohesive in terms of chemistry, but we need to keep working with the new members of the team to obtain the bond that helped us win a championship last year," said Xue.

The team will have to account for the loss of last year's Co-Captain and leading goal scorer Travis Bouscaren '14. With similar builds, Faulkner seems like the ideal replacement for the void left by Bouscaren.

In addition to new players, the team is welcoming a new Head Coach after Head Coach David Fox left for the year on sabbatical.

"I am very excited by the new players that have joined the team this year. I think that the combination of returning experience and new talent will produce a very successful season," Coach Howie Kalter '07 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian.*

Kalter, who played water polo at Andover for three years, went on to have a very successful collegiate career at Bucknell and was named an All-American. His illustrious playing career and faith in his players command the respect of the team.

"He is an incredible coach, so I'm sure he will lead the team to success this season," said Faulkner.

Andover opens the season against Loomis Chaffee this Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Nick Faulkner '16 will captain the team alongside Marc Sevastopoulo '15

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WATER POLO

Andover Powers to Two 12-9 Wins

Andover Boys Water Polo secured a spot in the NEPSAC playoffs and extended its winning streak to five games this past weekend. Andover defeated Loomis Chaffee, 12-9, on Saturday and Suffield, 12-9, on Wednesday.

Andover's five-game winning streak comes on the heels of a three-game losing streak. Andover's record now stands at 5-4. Andover's victory over Loomis was its second against the team this season: Andover barely defeated Loomis 8-7 earlier in the season on a late goal from Darren Ty '16. After jumping out to an early lead, Andover seemed to stumble on defense. The team allowed three Loomis goals in the fourth quarter alone. Goalie Elliot Sagay '15 continued his stellar play in the net, however, to hinder a late Loomis run with less than two minutes left in the game."When our defense got lazy late in the half and our lead was cut from five to three, the play by [Sagay] really saved us," said Jonathan Xue '17. Rookie Dylan Norris '16 drew a foul within the five-meter line to earn a penalty shot for Co-Captain Nick Faulkner '16, while other rookie Jake Taylor '16 scored the first goal of his career. "This is [Taylor's] and [Norris's] first year playing water polo, and they've both improved a lot over the season to become really solid players," said Faulkner. With its win against Suffield on Wednesday, Andover secured a playoff spot. Unfazed by Suffield's offensive push and Andover's defensive miscues at times, Sagay continued his strong performance in the net. "[Sagay] had a ton of absurd saves in goal and exceeded the extent of his ability," added Taylor. "Suffield relied on motion in their offense and their turnovers. They set picks and made switches, and if they stole the ball they always had a man who beat us down in the pool on a fast break. Most of their goals came from two-on-ones or one-on-nobodies. If we cover better and find more shooting opportunities from the perimeter, we'll be in good shape," said Co-Captain Marc Sevastopoulo '15. Andover will continue to work on ball control, passing and absorbing pressure to make dynamic plays. Andover faces off against St. John's Prep to begin a three-game home stretch this Saturday.

Dylan Norris '16 held down the defense to maintain Andover's 12-9 lead.

Co-Captain Nick Faulkner '16 leads the team in scoring

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BOYS WATER POLO

Andover Struggles to Keep Afloat

With 30 seconds left on the clock and the score at 7-7 on Saturday, Andover Boys' Water Polo was neck-and-neck with Loomis Chaffee. The team worked the ball around the perimeter to Darren Ty '16, who fired a shot from the wing that zoomed past Loomis's goalie and sealed **Andover's victory 8-7.**

The dramatic win served as consolation for **Andover's 8-5 loss to Hopkins** earlier on Saturday. Regardless of the final scores, both games provided important takeaways for the young team moving forward.

Slow at executing Coach Howie Kalter's gameplan, Andover fell in an early 0-5 hole in the first half against Hopkins.

"We definitely had the fitness and the defensive skill to beat Hopkins, but we got really excited and energetic on offense and let our defense deteriorate. But it was the first game of the season and, for some guys, the first game they've ever played in or seen," wrote Co-Captain Marc Sevastopoulo '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Co-Captain Nick Faulkner '16 added, "As a team, I think many of our mistakes were committed purely because we are relatively inexperienced. The errors will definitely start to correct themselves as the season goes on."

Scoring five goals to Hopkins's three in the second half; Andover overcame the first half slump.

"I think that the Hopkins game was great for giving the guys a reality shock," said Kalter.

Wary of its prior mistakes, Andover started strong against Loomis. Andover lost momentum in the second half, however, as the team let its defense falter, allowing Loomis to tie the game. Andover utilized a late timeout to orchestrate Ty's game-winning goal.

"When the guys focused and played to our game plan, we looked great in the water. We had lots of trouble, especially on the defensive end when we got tired and stopped thinking. Overall, I am happy about most of
What we did on Saturday. We have a lot of work to do, but I am very confident that we will make vast improvements this season," said Kalter.

Andover looked to make the necessary improvements against a talented, arch-rival Exeter on Wednesday. They could not rise to the challenge and fell in a **disappointing 15-6 loss**.

Exeter's two standout players neutralized Andover's notoriously strong counter attack.

"We had bad play on both ends and definitely didn't play as well as we should have. We wasted the shot clock and were moving the ball too far away from the goal. Exeter's attack was strong and killed us on the two-meter line," said Jonathan Xue '17.

Faulkner was the lone bright spot for the squad, adding two goals and four steals.

Looking to rebound from its recent defeat, Andover will face off against Deerfield, Brunswick and Williston Northampton this Saturday

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Co-Captain Nick Faulkner '16 Tallies 15 of Andover's 29 Goals

Co-Captain Nick Faulkner '16 weaved his way through the defense and rifled a shot past the goalie to seal one of Andover Boys Water Polo's two victories this past week, which included an 11-7 win against Hotchkiss.

Faulkner also led the team in scoring, tallying 15 of the team's 29 goals on that day in games against Hotchkiss and Williston.

Both Co-Captains, Faulkner and Marc Sevastopoulo '15, felt pressure to succeed after a disappointing 1-4 start to the season, and they delivered in emphatic fashion.

Jake Taylor '16 said, "Winning both games of a double-header felt incredible, especially against two competent teams [like] Hotchkiss and Williston. Our [Co-Captains] really stepped up and showed their leadership, with [Sevastopoulo] shutting down both teams on the defensive end and Faulkner netting a ton of goals on the day."

These resounding victories followed two disappointing losses to Deerfield and Brunswick, in which the team struggled to compete defensively. Goalie Eliot Sagay '15 said that the team has gained defensive credibility with strong performances against Hotchkiss and Williston.

"I would say we are always improving and that as we get better, our offense will look stronger as well," he said.

Faulkner said, in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We played strong, smart defense, and on offense we moved the ball around well to get good shots."

The team has made noticeable improvement from its performance earlier in the season, according to Head Coach Howie Kalter.

"The team began trying some of the new skills that we have been practicing, which was encouraging. We had some great success on our team defense but gave up some goals due to poor drive defense. Offensively, we were able to run our game plan, and, for the first time all season, we executed it effectively," said Kalter.

These victories will give a crucial boost to the players' morale as they go into a pivotal matchup with Choate this Sunday.

"Going into Saturday's game, I was not content with our 1-4 record. I felt that I needed to do something to get the team going. I went out and played as hard as I could, and the result was two wins. My teammates played great. All of them deserve credit for the wins," wrote Faulkner.

"On Saturday, we had way too many kick-outs from lazy drive defense. I, myself, got kicked out three times for playing my man too hard. This week, we've dedicated whole practices to drive defense, so hopefully it pays off," said Chris Li '15, who contributed six goals to the win over Williston.

Andover continued its improved play on Wednesday against St. John's Prep. Jonathan Xue '17 led the way on the offensive end, tallying seven of Andover's 15 goals. Thomas Choi '16 filled in nicely for Sagay and limited St. John's to three goals in a remarkable 15-3 victory. This victory gives Andover a 4-4 record so far this season.

Andover will look to continue its three-game winning streak this Sunday when it travels to face a powerhouse Choate team

Nick Faulkner '16 accounted for more than half of Andover's goals against Hotchkiss and Williston

Andover Drowns St. John's Prep

Jake Taylor '16 tallied four goals in Andover's win over St. John's Prep

From the two-meter line, Dylan Norris '16 fired a backhand shot that nailed the upper-left bar of the goal and soared into the net. This goal contributed to Andover Boys Water Polo's 12-1 victory over St. John's Prep, the team's sixth win in a row.

In addition to rookie Norris's two goals, Andover gave an impressive offensive performance with two goals from Jonathan Xue '17 and four from Jake Taylor '16.

Goalkeeper Elliot Sagay '15 grounded the team's defense, allowing only one goal out of at least 20 shots.

"The performance has to go to Sagay. Every game, he continues to make crazy saves. In water polo, the average save percentage is around 30 percent. Sagay only let in one goal after facing 20 shots. That's unheard of," said Taylor.

"Against St. John's, we really did no wrong. Everyone had an all-around good game: we completed our passes, got it into the hole [two-meter line] and made good passes out of there. We eliminated turnovers, which had plagued us against Suffield, and easily recovered to neutralize their counterattack," he continued.

The team reaped the benefits of working hard on preventing counterattacks in practice.

"One of the things we really did well was translating what we did in practice to games. After trying to limit the counter in practice, we allowed no counter goals in the game," said Head Coach Howie Kalter '07.

Norris added, "We had practiced all week against the counterattacks and really showed the strides we've made in terms of defensive ability in our game against St. John's."

In past games this season, Andover tended to rush its offensive possessions. The team made significant improvements in Friday's matchup.

"Usually we struggle to completely use the shot clock. In our game, we held onto the ball, made good passes, then took good shots. We executed very well," said Felix Liu '15.

"Our passing really exposed their defense, allowing our players to penetrate and work the ball around," Xue added.

Sagay said, "I'd say the counter defense has improved to a certain extent; however, St. John's exposed some things we still need to work on. We're not there yet. We can still work on counter defense, our press, and continue to get our hands up on so we can block more shots."

Yet another positive from Friday's game was the experience gained by some of the less experienced players on the team. The entire team played in the Varsity contest, increasing Andover's depth and experience.

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Furious Comeback Falls Short in Season Finale

Andover Boys' Water Polo season came to an end on Wednesday as the team fell to Suffield, 13-8. Andover's hopes of defending the team's title as NEPSAC Champion ended with the tournament play-in loss.

Andover had previously beaten Suffield, 12-9, in an early season matchup. The loss capped Andover's season record at 7-7. In its early season match against Suffield, Andover emerged victorious despite struggling to defend Suffield's motion offense. In practices leading up to Wednesday, Andover focused on plays that would bolster its defense. Andover also practiced playing in transition, ball control, passing, and the ability to absorb pressure and make dynamic plays. Suffield surged offensively at the start of the match and raced to a quick lead. Although Andover's defense had improved, multiple defensive breakdowns allowed for easy Suffield goals.

"We came out strong in our press defense to counteract Suffield's motion offense. For the most part we were able to keep the game tight and force Suffield to make bad shots. However, Suffield got the best of us on some counter attacks in a one on goalie situation," said Dylan Norris '16. Suffield also capitalized on Andover's offensive miscues. Co-Captain Marc Sevastopoulo '15 said, "We made some mistakes that gave Suffield opportunities that they didn't have to work for. But to their credit, they figured out how to defend against our offense and run strong counterattacks."

Down five goals, Andover rallied to cut Suffield's lead from five goals to one. The rally was led by Jake Taylor '16 and Co-Captain Nick Faulkner '16.

Faulkner continued his dominance, tallied seven goals and executed continuous lock-down defense.

Ultimately, Suffield's lead was too much to overcome.

"We made the mistakes that we practiced all week to not make and that was our bane," said Norris.

"It was a disappointing way to end the season, but I thought this game didn't reflect how well we did. During the game it just seemed like we were prone to turning the ball over, and allowing them to have easy transition goals. Overall, I thought we had a great season and I am excited to get back in the pool [next season]," said Faulkner.

Added Sevastopoulo, "It's tough for my Senior season to be cut short, but we did so much with how little experience we had at the start of the season. I'm proud to have been a part of it, and I can't wait to see the team do great things next year."

Co-Captain Marc Sevastopoulo '15 helped fuel a comeback try against Suffield in his final game.

Jake Taylor '16 made waves in his first year on the team, but Andover's season was ultimately cut short.

Winter Team Results

Basketball - Boys	4 -18 -0
Basketball - Girls	8 - 11 -0
Hockey - Boys	8 -15 -3
Hockey - Girls	17 -6 -3
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Squash - Boys	10 - 8 -0
Squash - Girls	11 -5 -0
Swim & Dive - Boys	4 -1-1
Swim & Dive - Girls	4 -3 -0
Indoor Track – Boys	3-2-0
Indoor Track – Girls	3-2-0
Wrestling	4-4 -0

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Year: 2015

Captain: Eric Alperin

Coach: Terrell Ivory

Assistant Coach: Dan Schneider

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LETTER WINNERS

Abou-Ezzi,David J.
Alperin, Eric S.
Beckett, Taylor C
Deorocki, Brendan L
Disla, Alba M.
Findlay, Reed P.
Forti, Nicholas B.
Garfield, Cameron W.
Glazer, Samuel B.
Hosman, Matthew T.
Hughes, Nya N.
Jackson, Elijah
Navarro Bowman, Bianca C.
Nelson, Jacob T.
Reavis, Andrew W.
Shea, Matthew R.
Thomas, Corentin
Weber, Kurtis S.

Phillips Academy
Boys Varsity Basketball
Roster 2015

No	Name	Yr	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown
1	Eric Alperin *	2015	6'2	180	Los Angeles
3	Reed Findlay	2018	6'0	159	Sudbury, MA
4	Nick Forti	2015	6'3	190	Enterprise, AL
5	Matt Shea	2018	5'11	140	North Andover, MA
10	Taylor Beckett	2017	6'0	180	Wellesley, MA
11	Sam Glazer	2015	6'3	185	Guilford, CT
12	Matt Hosman	2015	5'11"	175	Peabody, MA
13	Andrew Reavis	2017	6'1	176	Miami, OK
15	Kurtis Weber	2015	6'3	195	Winchester, MA
20	Jake Nelson	2015	6'3	215	Hopkinson, NH
23	Robert Cerulle	2017	6'1	185	Wellesley, MA
25	Elijah Jackson	2015	6'2	175	Brooklyn, NY
33	Austin Robichaud	2015	6'1	175	Reading, MA
35	David Abou-Ezzi	2015	6'2	210	North Andover, MA
44	Cam Garfield	2017	6'2	175	Wellesley, MA
50	Brendon Deorocki	2015	6'6	200	Boxford, MA
------	Corentin Thomas	2015	6'1	150	Pace, France

* Captain

Coach: Ivory Terrell
Assistant Coach: Dan Schneider

Managers: Alba Disla, Nya Hughes,
Bianca Navarro Bowman, Howard Johnson (videographer)

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Schedule & Record

Record: 4-18-0

Date/Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 5, 2014 at 5:30 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	H	Win	54-33
December 6, 2014 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. St. Mark's	A	Loss	35-69
December 14, 2014 at 5:00 PM	Roundball Classic - Babson College	A	Loss	29-62
December 17, 2014 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. St. Andrew's	A	Loss	22-76
December 19, 2014 at 1:00 PM	Seacoast Challenge	A	Loss	37-55
December 19, 2014 at 4:00 PM	Seacoast Challenge	A	Loss	48-49
December 20, 2014 at 12:30 PM	Seacoast Challenge	A	Win	50-36
January 10, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Loss	42-61
January 14, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Loss	35-73
January 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Milton	A	Loss	68 - 73
January 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Loss	53 - 59
January 21, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Governor's	H	Loss	51 - 54
January 24, 2015 at 5:45 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	CXL	
January 28, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Cushing	A	CXL	
January 30, 2015 at 6:15 PM	Game vs. Worcester	H	Loss	53-78
February 4, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Tilton	H	Loss	56-82
February 6, 2015 at 5:45 PM	Game vs. Thayer	A	Win	73-68
February 7, 2015 at 12:30 PM	Game vs. St. Sebastian's	H	Loss	54-68
February 11, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Tabor	A	Loss	48-70
February 13, 2015 at 6:30 PM	Game vs. Williston	H	Loss	53-74
February 19, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Brooks	H	Loss	49-71
February 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Pingree	H	Win	55-53
February 25, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Loss	63-71 ot
February 28, 2015 at 6:15 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Loss	45-79

Boys Basketball

54 -33 victory over St. Paul's

At home on December 5, 2014 at 5:30 PM

Andover starts the season with a 54-33 victory over St. Paul's

Sam Glazer scored 17 points, helping Andover notch a 54-33 victory over the St. Paul's on Friday. The score was tied 20 -20 at half time, but Andover outscored St. Paul's 34 to 13 in the 2nd half Glazer was strong from the field for Phillips Academy, making 58% (7-for-12) of shots attempted. Nick Forti had 10 points. Andrew Reavis sank two three-pointers and scored 9 points total. Also contributing for Phillips Academy were Eric Alperin (7 points), Taylor Beckett (4 points, 1 steal), Jake Nelson (4 points) and Brendon Derocki (2 points).

Phillips Academy finished the game with 28 rebounds (seven offensive/21 defensive) and two steals.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover Looks to Bounce Back from Rocky Tournament

Co-Captain Eric Alperin '15 crossed his defender, stepped back and knocked down a three-pointer in the face of his Avon Old Farms defender, bringing his tally to 17 points. His performance was crucial in Andover Boys Basketball's 50-36 win over Avon in its final game of the Seacoast Challenge, a tournament for boys' high school basketball teams in the New England area over December 19 and December 20.

Andover struggled in its first day of play when it faced a tough Suffield Academy lineup. After an early run by Suffield, Co-Captains Sam Glazer '15 and Alperin helped bring Andover within a few points of the lead.

An injury to starting center Nick Forti '15 proved costly for the team in the second half, and the team struggled to compete for rebounds against Suffield's forwards. The height disadvantage proved to be too large for Andover to overcome, and ultimately, the team lost 55-37, with 24 points coming from Alperin and Glazer.

Later that day, Andover used its tough loss to fuel its performance against Nobles. Taylor Beckett '17 shifted into the starting lineup in wake of Forti. Andover shot out to an early 20-10 lead within 15 minutes of play.

In the second half, the team struggled to rebound and defend. Before the tournament, Coach Terrell Ivory '00 introduced a new defensive scheme, which Nobles managed to exploit in the latter part of the game. Repeated turnovers weakened the team on offense. Nobles tied the score in the waning seconds, and an Andover error on the inbounds play sent the game into overtime.

"We were tired and went into overtime. It was the second game of the day, and we struggled to find baskets towards the end as we allowed their momentum [to carry] them through the final minutes," said Alperin.

Ivory emphasized the team's need to work on ball control. "We need to work on taking care of the ball, because turnovers put us in positions we really don't want to be in. We need to hold onto our possessions and make shots," he said.

During a very competitive overtime period, Andover maintained a comfortable lead. However, when leading by just two points with 15 seconds left on the clock, Andover allowed multiple costly offensive rebounds, and the Nobles captain sunk a three pointer at the buzzer to win the game. Andover lost 49-48 to end the day.

Glazer had an impressive season high of 22 points.

"It would've been nice to win the second game, but we just have to deal with [the loss] and focus on the next [game]," said Andrew Reavis '17.

In its third and final game of the Seacoast Challenge, the team was determined to end with a victory. Again missing center Forti, returning Senior Kurtis Weber '15 filled in his role and added four points to Andover's 17-0 run in the opening minutes of the game. Beckett had seven points in the first half and contributed greatly to Andover's comfortable 25-6 lead at halftime.

Alperin said, "As a team, we finally got into a rhythm. We built off the rhythm from the previous two games and started to pick our spots. The defense gave me the opportunity to make dribble plays to the basket and mix and match to make shots, passes and find open teammates."

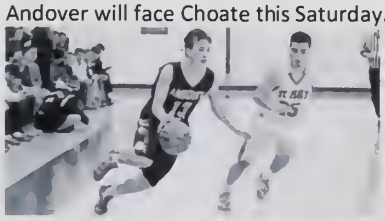
Reavis added, "After we started to get into a groove with the new defense, we started to dominate, force turnovers and run in transition."

The team's lead allowed all players on the team to receive playing time, helping to develop chemistry. David Abou-Ezzi '15 said, "It was great that we were able to get significant playing time and really start working together in a game situation. We started getting buckets, and it was a blast to be out there."

The win at the end of the tournament was important for Andover, as it demonstrated the team's improvement and gave players hope for the rest of the season.

"I think we were much better, and I think playing against very good teams is going to prepare us for playing teams in our league. While it would have been nice to come out of the tournament with two wins, if we had just finished in that second game. I'm impressed with our composure and strong finish against Avon," said Ivory.

Andover will face Choate this Saturday.



Young talent Andrew Reavis '17 blazes past his defender

Co-Captains Eric Alperin '15 (left) and Sam Glazer '15 (right) have been offensive powerhouses for Ando

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover Suffers Big Losses to Choate and Exeter

Despite consistent three-point shooting from guards Eric Alperin '15 and Robby Cerulle '17 against Exeter on Wednesday, Andover Boys Basketball's untimely turnovers and poor transition defense led to a 73-35 loss, dropping Andover to 2-7 on the season.

The Exeter loss was the second of two losses this past week, with the first one coming at the hands of a sharp-shooting Choate team 61-42.

Glazer was one of the few sources of offense in Andover's game against Choate, with every starter besides Glazer struggling to put the ball in the basket. Glazer accounted for over half of the team's points. After keeping the game close for most of the first half, Andover's lackluster defense allowed Choate to pull away in the second half.

Multiple starters were disappointed by their lack of offensive firepower in the second half. Point guard Andrew Reavis '17 said, "On Saturday, we played awful. [We] need to be better. [We] need to improve, and overall, we need to improve offensively."

One of the bright spots from the loss was the play of the bench, which attempted to provide the offensive spark when the starters had gone cold. Cam Garfield '17 scored the first points of his Varsity career, scoring six points in limited time at the end of the contest.

Forward Brendan Deorocki '15 said, "We need to work on a lot — fixing our offensive spacing to get better shots, increasing overall effort, getting our hands on loose balls [and] putting up shots. We've been kind of lazy on both ends the past two games."

Exeter's press defense was too much for Andover's ball handlers. The press led to a myriad of careless turnovers, allowing Exeter to hit transition threes on the fast break. Andover players found it difficult to adjust to playing transition defense, not playing the ball closely enough and allowing easy shots for Exeter.

"Exeter gets credit, because they made their open opportunities. We struggled to keep their players in front, and we also weren't really playing great help defense. We allowed them to find their spots and dictate the flow on our defensive end," said Coach Terrell Ivory '00.

Despite the efforts of center Nick Forti '15, who scored a team-high ten points in the game, the team struggled to rebound without center Jake Nelson '15, who was out with an ankle injury.

"[Nelson's] very important to the team in transition play and rebounding, so his absence was a bad thing for us," said forward Taylor Beckett '17.

Andover plays at Milton Academy today, followed by a home game against Tabor on Saturday.

Sam Glazer '15 creates space between himself and his defender

BOYS BASKETBALL
Boys Struggle to Finish Close Games

Relentless effort from Sam Glazer '15

and Eric Alperin '15 brought Andover Boys Basketball to tight games against Milton, Tabor and Governor's last week, but lost all three contests.

Last Friday at Milton, a swish from Glazer cut the Milton lead to two in the waning minutes, but the strong comeback attempt was not enough as Andover fell 73-68.

Robby Cerulle '17 said, "We put good shots up and played well on defense, but their three-point shooting kept them ahead. We just couldn't stop them."

Andover's 68 points in the loss was its highest point tally of the season. Three Andover players put up double-digit scores: Glazer and Alperin had 15 and 14 respectively. Nick Forti '15 put up 15.

Andover faced Tabor at home on Saturday. The team pushed aside the loss from the previous day and entered the Tabor game with optimism. Electric play from guard Alperin, who made six of eight shots from three-point range, boosted the team.

Kurtis Weber '15 said, "This year, I like how we've played together as a team through hardship, under the great leadership of our top players Glazer and Alperin."

Cerulle added, "[Alperin] went off and really carried us with incredible three-point shooting."

While Alperin had a great shooting day, Andover struggled to contain Tabor's big men in the paint as it played without starting power forward Jake Nelson '15, who is nursing an ankle injury. Andover ultimately lost 59-53.

"In my mind, both these games went well. We were good and we played hard. However, in these close games, we still could have much better effort and we really should have won them. Both were within our reach, but we just couldn't pull it out. We need to dive for loose balls, rebound harder, and then I think we can pull out some wins," said forward Taylor Beckett '17.

On Wednesday, Andover played Governor's at home where threes from Alperin and Glazer helped the team out to a quick first-half lead.

Struck with fatigue towards the end of the first half, the team called on Glazer to step up, and he delivered, scoring 17 points in the contest.

The game came down to the final minute with Governor's leading by three. Andover nearly pulled out the comeback when its press defense forced a turnover, but the team failed to recover the ball and get off a final shot. The game ended in a 54-51 loss.

Andrew Reavis '17 said, "We didn't compete and we are, myself especially, playing like we don't have any passion for what we are doing, and that has to be fixed for us to be successful."

Andover is now 2-10 on the season and will play against Deerfield this Saturday at home.

Robby Cerulle '17 strips the ball from a Brewster guard.

Boys Kick Off Season With One Win and One Loss

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PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Andover Boys Basketball kicked off its season with a 54-33 victory over St. Paul's on Friday. After jumping out to an early lead and faltering towards the end of the first half, Andover recovered to outscore its opponents 34-13 in the second half.

There were plenty of bright spots for Andover in the game, one of which was Andrew Reavis '17, the only underclassman to crack the team's starting lineup. Reavis finished the game with nine points, six assists and five rebounds. He pushed the ball up the court and made large contributions to the team's victory.

"We did a bad job of moving the ball towards the end of the first half, and in the second half we did a much better job of that and ran our offense which enabled us to jump out to a big lead," said Reavis.

Co-Captain Sam Glazer '15 set a strong precedent in the victory, notching 17 points and shooting 58 percent from the field. Other strong contributors included Nick Forti '15, who scored ten points in his first Andover contest, and Co-Captain Eric Alperin '15, who added seven points.

The team managed to recover after Head Coach Terrell Ivory was ejected for arguing calls. Assistant Coach Dan Schneider filled in during his absence.

"I'm really happy that we held them to only 13 points in the second half, demonstrating the improvement of our defense. Some of the things that we have to work on are turnovers. I don't think that we controlled the ball very well, but I liked that we had a lot of quality shots," said Ivory.

"I thought with the two days of practice we played really well. Certainly we did a lot of things well, but there are still many areas we can improve," said Jake Nelson '15.

Andover built on its Friday night performance in its game against St. Mark's on Saturday.

After a strong run near the end of the first half, Andover was in striking distance against a perennially strong St. Mark's team. In the second half, however, the team faltered due to a lack of ball movement and poor quality shot selection. The team ultimately lost 69-35.

Once again, Glazer and Alperin were Andover's leading performers; both scored in the double digits. Following the game, Glazer emphasized the importance of team unity on the offensive.

"There are definitely a lot of things to work on, mainly offense, and being one unit and everybody playing to their roles and to their strengths. I feel like we don't have any selfish players on the team, but we all need to understand what we have to do in order to win. I think that's one thing that really showed on Saturday," said Glazer.

Alperin added, "We're still getting used to each other and how we all play, and I think it will just take more practice and more time on the court, which will only help us. I think that if people do the things they need to do, we'll be good."

Andover added nine players to its roster this year, including Post-Graduates Nelson and Forti who will fill the paint for Andover this season. Their size — which Andover has lacked in the past — coupled with their strength and exceptional athleticism will boost the team on both the offensive and defensive fronts.

"We're coming back with only four returning players, but we've got a great group of young guys, and I think we can really build some chemistry that we lacked at some points last year. I really feel like we can work as a unit and pull out some great wins," said Glazer.

Andover Boys Basketball finished the 2013-2014 season with a 9-12 record, a shot away from advancing to the second round of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) Class A Tournament. Andover heads into its current season looking to improve as a team and advance further into the playoffs.

The team will compete in the Roundball Classic on December 14.

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Co-Captain Sam Glazer '15 drives past a St. Paul's defender.

Boys Fall In Two Blowout Losses

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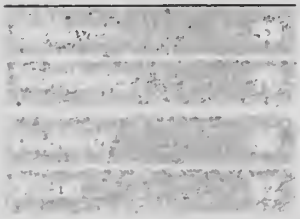

Reed Findlay '18 rose up over his defender and hit a three-pointer to give Andover a 38-35 lead against Worcester Academy early in the second half. Findlay scored 16 points and shined in his first career start.

"Going into the game, I was determined to give it my best shot. I felt like I performed on both ends and with each shot I made, I was getting more and more confident. I just had a great time out there," said Findlay.

The sharpshooting of Findlay and Eric Alperin '15 were bright spots in Andover's 78-53 loss to Worcester on Saturday.

Andover kept pace with the gifted Worcester team, and Alperin sunk two deep three-point field goals in the final minutes of the first half to gain Andover a 35-32 lead entering halftime.

The team started the second half playing together with strong defense and great ball movement, and after a bucket from Findlay, it seemed as though Andover was ready to pull away.

Nonetheless, the perennially strong Worcester team was undaunted. Its defensive scheme caused Andover players to become claustrophobic, and the game became a sequence of one-on-ones. Andover lacked the hustle and intensity that had kept the game close in the first half.

Andrew Reavis '17 said, "We stopped moving the ball and they just pulled away."

Eventually, Worcester's lead increased to double digits, despite the team's best efforts.

Reavis also offered a strong contribution, putting up nine points. In the game, he was 7-8 from the free-throw line, bringing his free-throw percentage to 92 percent over Andover's past two games.

Despite the loss, the team was upbeat. Robbie Cerulle '17 said, "We were playing with a bunch of guys injured and I really think that we went out there and competed well as a team."

On Wednesday, Andover took on Tilton, a school that has sent multiple players to the NBA in recent years, including Nerlens Noel, the sixth overall pick in the 2013 NBA Draft.

The game was remarkably similar to Andover's against Worcester. Andover played fantastic team basketball through the first half to keep the score close. Ultimately, however, the talented Tilton players were too much to handle.

Reavis was once again stellar, dropping nine points while pushing the ball up the court and getting to the line.

The team struggled to rebound in the second half, missing two of its key players, Jake Nelson '15 and Kurtis Weber '15.

Nick Forti '15, said, "Rebounding was poor in the second half – they were getting a lot of second chances. They had some 6'5" guys that were killing us on the boards and it would have been nice to have [Weber] and [Nelson]."

Andover continued to allow multiple second-chance offence opportunities to Tilton and fell behind by a considerable deficit.

Forti had a great game offensively with a career-high 19 points and 3-4 shooting from three-point range..

Much like in the Worcester game, however, Andover started playing individual basketball in the second half and was overpowered by Tilton's talent, eventually falling 82-56.

Coach Terrell Ivory '00 said, "I think one of the things we did first of all is that we stopped playing team ball. Because we were close in the game, we felt like we could go one on one instead of moving the ball, which had worked for us in the first half. When we start going against these talented teams its tough –0 and we're not going to win unless we play team ball."

Andover will take on Thayer this

Boys Suffer From Shaky Offensive Performance

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Andover Boys Basketball's Andrew Reavis '17 charged up the court and pushed through the big bodies of the Williston Northampton team, drawing contact and rising up for an and-one layup at the beginning of the second half at home on Friday.

The kind of physicality that Reavis displayed embodied Andover's play in the second half. He was the spark plug of Andover's 14-2 run to start the game's second portion, in which Andover only allowed one Williston shot to fall. Despite Reavis's best efforts, the 20-point hole Andover had dug itself into in the first half was too much to overcome, falling 74-53.

Head Coach Terrell Ivory said, "In the second half we competed, we didn't turn the ball over, we were strong with the ball and made good passes and started to knock down our shots. We were playing against a team that is a little bit more athletically talented than us. We have to do the little things that will allow us to be successful and give us a competitive edge."

Andover suffered a rough start to the contest, with a perennially talented Williston team coming out strong, playing tough press defense and seemingly connecting on every shot attempt.

Andover struggled on the offensive end as well, forcing up contested jump shots and quickly falling into a double digit deficit.

At halftime, Andover trailed Williston 38-19. Determined to make a statement, Reavis came out fighting at halftime, blowing by the opposing defenders in transition.

Reavis said, "In the first half we did a poor job of getting out in transition and getting easy buckets, second half I feel like we attacked the rim more, which got us to the line and enabled us to get back in the game, but unfortunately there wasn't enough time to complete the comeback."

Scoring seven straight points for his team, he shot 5-5 from the free throw line during that stretch, allowing Andover to pull within single digits.

Defensive play also improved. Robby Cerulle '17 said, "We played really well on the defensive end, making sure to get to the paint before we picked up a man and that was a big part of our success."

Reavis's play inspired the rest of the team. Following suit, Eric Alperin '15 and Sam Glazer '15 began driving towards the basket, with most attempts resulting in drawing a foul or a dump off for an easy layup by Nick Forti '15 and Kurtis Weber '15.

Alperin said, "The second half we played well, we didn't turn the ball over and everyone started making plays in the transition game. [Reavis] started getting to the basket which in turn helped [Glazer] and me get to the basket as well and we were able to make a bit of a run."

It was Weber's first game back in over a week, and the fresh blood really invigorated Andover's paint presence. Despite Weber's return, however, Andover was still outmatched by Williston's big men.

Once again missing Jake Nelson '15, the team struggled to grab rebounds from Williston, who had multiple second chance opportunities on the offensive end because of its strong efforts on the offensive boards.

Forti said, "Obviously it was great to get [Weber] back, for a stretch of games we really had no size which killed us on both ends. Even now, we're not at full strength missing [Nelson], and being at a small team to begin with there is already a disadvantage."

Andover hopes to avenge this loss in its contest against Brooks on Thursday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

ı the final match of last on, Andover Boys Basket- held a two point lead over ter with less than 10 sec- s remaining in the game, fell in the final seconds. pite last year's one-point . Andover struggled to pete against their rivals at ıe this year, falling 73-35.

ast year, Andover held a -point lead with two sec- s remaining, yet Exeter talized on a putback off a sed free throw and Ando- lost in overtime.

Ay expectation is that we going to compete. I look ne first game as sort of a ıbling experience and a to figure out how we can rove. They beat us badly, exposed us and you can ıond to that in a number ways. You can put your d down and say they're better than us or you can matters into your own hands and figure out how to improve and change the mistakes that we made. When we play them again we're going to be able to gauge our improvement competing against a team that's really talented," said Head Coach Terrell Ivory '00.

Exeter enters the contest with a better record, standing at 11-8 as opposed to Andover's 4-17. Regardless of the records, however, fans can expect a hard-fought and unpredictable game.

Exeter relies largely on its size and experience, with its team composed mainly of Post-Graduates. The team excels at hitting three-point shots.

Andover will look to force Exeter to take contested attempts, while keeping Exeter's players out of the paint.

Starting Center Nick Forti '15 said, "Last game their hot shooting really allowed them to dig us into a hole which we never really got out of. We were demoralized and weren't making the hustle plays that typically enable us to be successful. If we're out there diving for loose balls, grabbing boards and drawing fouls in the lane, you'll know something is going right."

Recently, Andover has excelled in the "drive and dump" offense. Led by the guard play of Eric Alperin '15 and Andrew Reavis '17, Andover's guards would get in the lane and finish for the easy layup, kick out for the jumper, or dump it off to a big man inside.

Andover's play has improved significantly in recent weeks. Building off this momentum, the team is fueled by determination to avenge the loss against their rivals.

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Andover	55
Pingree	54
Andover	63
Deerfield	71

Andrew Reavis '17 soared up and grabbed the board off a Pingree miss during Andover Boys Basketball's game on Saturday. With ten seconds left and the game tied 53-53, he wove through the defenders, who failed to pick up the ball handler on the defensive end and were forced to resort to a desperate hack which sent Reavis to the line.

The pressure was on – and Reavis responded. He connected on both of his two free throws, icing the game for Andover 55-54. He had 11 points in the game.

"I was just trying to push the ball and see what happened, and when I arrived on the other end no one picked me up so I got into the lane. Someone was guarding [Nick Forti '15] so I was looking to dump it off to him but they came late so I took the shot and ended up being fouled. I wanted to get the win for my team – I knew I needed to hit those free-throws, and that's what I did," said Reavis.

Andover performed the best it had all season, responding to adversity and playing as a unit throughout the game.

After dominating the scoreboard in the first half, Andover relinquished its lead with only a few minutes remaining in the second half.

Down six, Andover's fans were demoralized – but the players responded. Taylor Beckett '17 and Eric Alperin '15 added steals on consecutive defensive sequences, followed by easy layups on the fast break.

Head Coach Terrell [illegible] said, "We competed – when you're in a situation down six points with two minutes left, it shows a lot of determination to get back in the game. Luckily, we made the plays to get out of that deficit, hitting big shots and taking the lead when it mattered the most."

Defensive prowess was a large part of Andover's success, as the team racked up a season-high nine steals, stepping into the passing lanes and playing stingy, smash-mouth defense.

On a fast break, Alperin drove towards the hoop and kicked out towards the trailing Forti on the wing. Forti rose up and drilled a critical three-pointer in the face of a Pingree defender, helping Andover pull ahead by one. The three was one of his 11 points in the contest.

Sam Glazer '15 said, "We'd been battling all game and we were a little streaky from the field, but in the last few minutes everyone was hitting clutch shots which got us back into the game."

The game would go down to the closing seconds, with a Pingree guard failing to convert on a last-second layup.

Alperin said, "I thought it was an all around team effort. Everyone contributed. People made big plays. People made big shots. We started fast but then struggled to start the second half because we lacked good shot selection, which prevented us from getting in a rhythm. Luckily we were able to recover and make the plays needed to win."

Andover looked to continue its winning streak on the road versus Deerfield on Wednesday.

Once again, Andover found itself in the midst of a gritty game, with the two teams entering the second half tied at 30.

After falling into a six-point hole to start the half, the team struggled to recover from the deficit, ultimately losing 71-63. Seemingly each time Andover pulled within one basket, Deerfield would respond with one of its own.

For the second straight game, Forti continued to hit critical three-point field goals. He was once again in the double digits, putting up 13 in the game.

The heroic play of Glazer also buoyed Andover when it struggled to score. At times, it seemed as though no players' shots were falling except Glazer's. In the game, he dropped a season-high 25 points.

His greatest play came with ten seconds left in the contest. With the shot clock winding down, he took a deep, contested three from the top of the key, nailing it to complete Andover's comeback and tie up the scoreboard. Robby Cerulle '17 said, "[Glazer] made a great play... One of the best I've ever seen. It was truly a clutch moment."

Unfortunately, Andover couldn't compete with Deerfield in overtime. The loss brought Andover's season record to 4-17.

The team looks to finish its season strong against Phillips Exeter Academy this Saturday.

Sport: Girls Basketball

Year: 2015

Captain: Cara Cavanaugh

Coach: Lani Silversides

Assistant Coach: Chris Jones

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Baumgardt, Sydney
Bergeron, Victoria
Bilal, Laura
Cavanaugh, Cara
Colon, Bailey
Erickson, Courtney
Evans, Janneke
Humes, Sarah
Katarincic, Molly
Kelley, Emma
Lefft, Gadson
Nasser, Ravenne
Tammaro, Antonia
Thompson, Teagan

Phillips Academy
Girls Varsity Basketball
Roster 2015

No	Name	Yr	Hgt	Pos	Hometown
	Victoria Bergeron	2016	5'5"	G	The Woodlands, Texas
	Antonia Tammaro	2017	5'8"	G	Lynnfield, MA
4	Ravenne Nasser	2015	5'9"	G/F	Methuen, MA
5	Emma Kelley	2017	5'8"	PG	Andover, MA
10	Bailey Colon	2018	5'7"	PG	Carver Massachusetts
11	Laura Bilal	2017	5'6"	G	Methuen, MA
12	Sarah Humes	2016	5'10"	G	Montreal, QC CANADA
20	Sydney Baumgardt	2016	5'8"	G	Evergreen, CO
22	Janneke Evans	2018	6'	G/F	New York, NY
23	Gadson Lefft	2015	6'1"	G/F	Lake Wylie, SC
24	Courtney Erickson	2015	6'	F	Everett, MA
25	Cara Cavanaugh *	2015	6'1"	C	North Andover, MA
32	Teagan Thompson	2018	6'2"	C	New York City, NY
33	Molly Katarincic	2018	5'11	F	Pittsburgh, PA

* Captain

Coaches: Lani Silversides
Assistant Coaches: Chris Jones, Elizabeth Monroe
Managers: Megan Gatton, Isabel Jauregui, Myioshi Williams

Girls Basketball
Schedule & Record

Record: 8-11-0

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 6, 2014 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Governor's	A	Loss	28-37
December 13, 2014 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Loomis	A	Loss	31-55
December 18, 2014 at 4:30 PM	Tournament vs. Rivers	A	Loss	33-44
December 20, 2014 at 9:00 AM	Tournament vs. NMH	A	Loss	61-66
December 20, 2014 at 1:30 PM	Tournament vs. Taft	A	Loss	36-46
January 7, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Groton	H	Win	50-30
January 10, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Win	38-26
January 14, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Brewster	H	Win	52-40
January 17, 2015 at 1:00 PM	Game vs. Milton	H	Win	70-46
January 21, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Thayer	A	Loss	38-39
January 24, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	CXL	
January 31, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. Worcester	A	Win	45-40
February 4, 2015 at 1:45 PM	Game vs. Brooks	H	Win	61-35
February 7, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Loss	64-76
February 11, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Loss	50-69
February 13, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Holderness	H	Win	57-41
February 18, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. BB&N	A	Win	52-45
February 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. NMH	A	Loss	38-49
February 25, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Rivers	H	Loss	50-61
February 28, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Loss	52-55ot

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GIRLSBASKETBALL

Girls Net First Triumph After Close Tournament Losses

On Wednesday, Andover Girls Basketball earned its first win of the season with a strong 50-30 victory over Groton.
"I think we came into the Groton game with a whole new attitude," said Emma Kelley '17. "It was our first home court game, which gave us a new motivation."
Bailey Colon '18 added, "We definitely picked up the intensity and the enthusiasm and worked as a team instead of as individuals."
The implementation of a 2-2-1 press allowed Andover to gain both offensive and defensive momentum. Gadson Lefft '15 and Kelley hit three 3-pointers each and scored 18 and 12 points, respectively.
"The team's offense was generated by their defense, especially in the first half, because of the press that we actually instituted for the first time this game. They forced a lot of turnovers that led to a lot of points," said Assistant Coach Christopher Jones.
Andover held a comfortable 34-12 lead at halftime, an improvement from its previous games when the team was constantly behind.
"We've talked in practice on Tuesday about starting off the game strong, not starting in the middle of the first half or in the second half. We executed that perfectly today. We got ahead early, and that's why we ended up succeeding in the long run," said Kelley.
Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 added, "In the previous games, we worked together near the end of the game, but it wasn't sustained throughout the whole game."
With contributions and playing time from each team member, the Groton game was truly a team effort. Cavanaugh continued, "The balance of points — since a lot of people scored instead of just a few people scoring — I think really shows how well we work together."
Over Winter Break, the team struggled at the Rivers Tournament. In the three games that the team had over break, Andover lost all by small margins, falling to Rivers 44-33, to Northfield Mount Hermon (NHM) 66-61 and to Taft 46-36.
Andover faced Rivers in its first game of the Holiday Tournament. The team proved that it could compete with Rivers, a notoriously strong team.
"I don't think Rivers thought we deserved to be on the court until we actually got in the game and made them understand we [weren't] the same team [as last year] and that they were going to have to play their best to beat us," said Lefft.
Andover trailed by a few points at halftime and maintained a steady level of play throughout the second half. However, the team was never able to pull away and overthrow Rivers' lead.
"It was a great team effort," said Laura Bilal '17. "We kept it close with a great team, and we will face them again this season."
Against Taft, Andover fought with determination during the second half in the hopes of closing the gap in the score.
Guard Sarah Humes '16 said, "In all of our games this season, we've played better in the second half, so that was the case in the Taft game."
"We shut down their three-point shooter and worked hard on defense," she continued.
Andover's game against NMH in December also demonstrated the team's cohesiveness.
"The vibe in the whole gym was electric," said Lefft, who scored a total of 20 points.
"Everyone played their best possible game, everything was clicking and everyone contributed something. We had enthusiasm, which is something we don't have consistently," she continued.
After competitive tournament play and an exciting win at home, Andover's record stands at 1-5. The team is ready to take on Choate this Saturday.

Gadson Lefft '15 scored 18 points in Andover's first win this season.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls Remain Undefeated in 2015 Regular Season

Bolting across the baseline, Emma Kelley '17 duked her defender and spotted up for a 3-pointer. A brisk chest-pass from point guard Sarah Humes '16 met Kelley just outside the three-point arch, where she hit her first of three 3-point shots in Andover Girls Basketball's 50-42 win over Brewster Academy this Wednesday. Kelley had a season-high 25 points in the game, bringing Andover's winning streak to three games.

On Saturday, in a hard-fought defensive battle, Andover topped Choate with a score of 38-26.

The team paid a substantial price for Saturday's victory against Choate, as Courtney Erickson '15 and Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 injured their ankle and head, respectively. Despite having two of its five starters on the bench in the game against Brewster, Andover's younger team members hit the court with determination.

"Two or three people were out, so in our practices we were really emphasizing that younger players have to step up, and they did," said Assistant Coach Christopher Jones. "They played really well today."

Center Molly Katarincic '18 added, "We tried to go into the game with a mindset that everybody who usually doesn't get as many minutes needed to step up. I think we did a really good job of that."

In comparison to the Choate game, which was largely defensive, Andover's offensive prowess led to the victory against Brewster.

Laura Bilal '17 said, "We really had some nice, quick reversals. We looked for the open bounce passes and open spots for our own team and just created a really good offense."

"We shot really well today, and we put some good pressure on with our press," added Coach Jones.

During the beginning of the first half of the Choate game, Andover's energy was low, and as a result, its 2-2-1 full court press faltered.

"[Choate] made fast cuts, and we were letting them break it through the middle," said Humes.

Though more experienced and technically skilled than Choate, Andover was met with the challenge of Choate's drive and determination.

"It was a competitive game because they had a lot more intensity; we had to contest their athleticism. We probably had more talent than them, but they played really hard to every ball," said Humes.

Despite its initial lag, Andover quickly accumulated a tight lead that it sustained and augmented throughout the game. In the first few minutes of the second half, the team emerged with added vigor that led to crucial baskets and an increased lead.

"We started off the second half with a lot of energy," said Kelley, who scored 13 points, "We had three or four baskets right off the bat and we pulled ahead. With that excitement, we continued to pull forward and we got a bigger lead, which made us feel more comfortable, so we could slow down and concentrate on defense."

Kelley continued, "Our 2-3 zone defense finally clicked in the second half. We got a lot of steals off of it, and we forced a lot of bad shots which ended up having a positive effect on our offense."

Andover hopes to continue its upward trend in its game against Milton on Saturday.

Coach Jones said, "We're slowly getting better in a lot of different areas, especially our movement and our passing, but it's always a work in progress."

Molly Katarincic '18 drives by two Brewster defenders

SPORTS

Girls Basketball

Girls Fall One Point Short of Five-Game Winning Streak

With one second left on the clock, shooting guard Emma Kelley '17 crossed her defender and hit a jump shot from the left elbow to secure a 44-18 lead against Milton at halftime. Spurred by Kelley's 20-point contribution, Andover Girls Basketball went on to earn a 70-46 victory in front of a packed crowd at home on Saturday.

Andover entered the game roaring with energy and confidence after three consecutive wins.

"We came in off a great win on Wednesday and wanted to continue our win streak, and it helped to have a lot of fans cheering us on," said forward Courtney Erickson '15.

The team maintained control of the ball and secured a comfortable lead for the entire game, but Milton combated Andover's momentum and emerged with a vengeance at the beginning of the second half.

"In the second half, [Milton] came out pretty strong and played a tough man-to-man press, and we struggled to rebound well," said Assistant Coach Christopher Jones.

Kelley added, "We kind of thought we were going to have the second half in the bag, which didn't end up happening, but we stayed ahead of them and were confident in the end that we were going to take the win."

Andover focused on mastering its full court 2-2-1 press to shut Milton out offensively. This, in turn, translated to Andover's best offensive performance of the season.

"The 2-2-1 press was much more efficient than in the Brewster game. We got a lot of steals off of it in the first half, and overall, it led us into a better 2-3 defense," said Kelley.

Jones added, "We played particularly well with our press, which allowed us to score a lot in the first half."

Andover greatly reduced its number of turnovers by making smarter passes.

"We didn't turn the ball over very much compared to other games, so that was really crucial," said Jones.

On Wednesday, Andover's four game winning streak fell short by a single point to Thayer at 39-38, bringing its record to 4-6.

The team struggled to match Thayer's deluge of three-point baskets in the first half because of slow switches between the guards and forwards in the 2-3 zone defense.

"Our switches were slow around the perimeter of the defense. 18 of their 24 points in the first half were three-pointers, so that speaks to how much they beat us behind the arc," said guard Gadson Lefft '15.

"We didn't get as many steals off of our press as we did against Milton," added point guard Sarah Humes '16.

Ultimately, Andover shifted to a man-to-man defense in the second half to combat Thayer's offense.

"The man-to-man defense helped shut them down a lot. We were faster to the ball and always made sure that someone was guarding their shooters," said Humes.

On offense, Andover struggled to find the basket and scored fewer three-point baskets relative to its other performances this season.

Lefft said, "We took good shots, but they just didn't fall like usual."

Andover entered the game low on energy, which contributed to its sluggish start.

"We came out slow and didn't bring a lot of intensity," said Lefft.

Laura Bilal '17 added, "We lacked energy on defense and couldn't find our rhythm as a team."

Despite the close loss, Andover remains positive and is determined to win its game against Deerfield on Saturday.

"We are going to use it as motivation and come out strong," said Bilal.

Emma Kelley '17 had 20 points in Andover's victory over

Furious Comeback Falls Short in Girls' Season Opener

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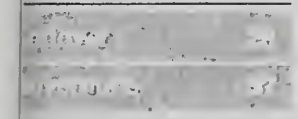

Ianneke Evans '18 power-dribd, drop-stepped into her deider and banked the ball into hoop as her defender hacked r arm. Evans sunk her free ow to complete the three-point y and to jump start Andover's ly late in the second half of its me against Governor's. Andover rls Basketball's comeback effort, wever, was not enough. The m fell 37-28 in its first game of e season. The team struggled gain offensive momentum and y as a cohesive unit.

"I think our main weakness was t having played together before. e had very little time to gel as a am," said returner Laura Bilal '.

The team boasts seven new ayers to its 14-player roster: st-Graduates Courtney Erickn '15 and Gadson Lefft '15; Upr Sydney Baumgardt '16; and Juors Teagan Thompson '18, Molly atarinc '18, Bailey Colon '18 and vans. Evenly split between rooks and returners, the team will eed time to develop strong camaderie on and off the court.

"With such a large amount of ur team being new, it takes time develop some chemistry togethr and learn our plays. We aren't yet at the point of really knowing our plays," said Head Coach Lani Silversides.

Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 added, "We haven't had much practice time to work on our offense against a man-to-man defense."

Andover initially struggled to score against a tough Governor's one-on-one defense. At halftime, Governor's led 15-5.

"Our biggest challenge was just not finishing our shots. We had really good looks but a tough time finishing," said Silversides.

Cavanaugh added, "We couldn't get the ball to go into the basket. It was as simple as that."

Andover followed halftime with a newfound surge of momentum. A fortified 2-3 zone defense coupled with more precise shots resulted in a significant recovery.

"We really stepped up in the second half by concentrating on our shots. We also got into a rhythm on defense, resulting in a lot of steals and forced shots by Governor's. Our strong defense translated to a better offense," said starting point guard Emma Kelley '17.

Cavanaugh added, "We started to convert some of our shots into points, and we were getting more used to playing with each other."

Bilal added, "In the second half, we came out strong and really held them down with good defense. If we had made half of our shot opportunities first half, the game would have been ours."

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The prowess of Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 in the paint will be integral to Andover's success this year.

Although the team did not stage a full comeback, Andover scored 23 points in the second half — more than four times what Andover scored in the first half. Erickson and Lefft led the team in scoring with eight points each.

Last year, the team got off to a rocky start, with two returning Senior starters tearing their ACLs before the first game. Despite its early losses, Andover eventually finished the season with a satisfying victory over rival Exeter.

"We were inconsistent [last year] but greatly improved over the season. We struggled with getting the ball to post, which is something that we are really focusing on this year," said returner Victoria Bergeron '16.

Though the team graduated five Seniors last year, Andover has a group of strong, experienced returners and skilled newcomers this year.

"This year we definitely have more talent," said Ravenne Nasser '15. "All of our young players have a year under their belts and adding [Post-Graduates] to the roster never hurts."

Encouraged by its surplus of talent and strong leadership, Ai dover is determined to win tl championship and finish with strong, winning record.

Nasser continued, "This seasc we want to win the championshi That's what our goal is and wh we will be working toward year."

Silversides added, "I'm real excited about the potential of th team and all the growth I thi can happen from the start to fini of our season."

Andover will challenge Loon Chaffee this Saturday in hopes claiming its first win of the seasc

Girls Build on Upward Momentum

ney Erickson '15 averages 13 points per game.

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tney Erickson '15 drove to p and banked the ball off the ard, scoring the game's first and drawing a foul in Ando- ls Basketball's game against on Wednesday. Erickson er foul shot to complete the oint-play and propel Ando- n early 3-0 lead.

over dominated Brooks e beginning of the game to me a resounding 61-35 win, ickson went on to net a sea- h 25 points in the game. She is averaging 13 points per game this season.

The team lacked energy and struggled with its 2-2-1 full court press in the first half of the game, and Andover entered halftime with just a six point lead.

"In the first half, we came out really slow, and we weren't really playing to the best of our ability," said power forward Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15, "When we didn't have a lot of energy, [Brooks was] able to get past us, and our press wasn't really accomplishing anything."

Janneke Evans '18 added, "Our defense was our challenge in the first half. We were letting them get by us pretty easily."

Andover hit the court in the second half with newfound energy that led to crucial defensive improvement.

Assistant Coach Christopher Jones said, "Really, the whole game was an okay first half and a much better second half... Our defense made the difference in the second half. When we played better defense, we got better rebounds, got more turnovers and scored more points."

Evans said, "The second half was better because we had more of a drive and wanted to win and really pushed ourselves hard. Also, our defense was much better. We really shut them down, they only scored 14 points versus 24 in the first half."

On Saturday against Worcester Academy, Andover upset the hosts 45-40. Despite the victory, Andover struggled to establish its momentum and maintain possession of the ball in the first half.

Shooting guard Emma Kelley '17 said, "The first half [we] lacked energy and determination to get both offensive and defensive rebounds."

Cavanaugh added, "In the first half, we got into foul trouble, and they were able to get a lot of points off of foul shots. We also had issues with taking care of the ball in our offense."

The team trailed by nine points at the end of the first half, but Andover maintained a positive outlook, improved its 2-3-zone defense and pulled out a win.

Head Coach Lani Silversides said, "We took the second half one possession at a time with the mentality that it was 0-0 at halftime, and we needed to focus on getting a stop on defense and then scoring."

Kelley said, "We were shifting really well and effectively in our zone defense and we got a lot of steals off of it."

The team gave up only 13 points in the second half, and the stronger defense led to better offensive opportunities.

Cavanaugh added, "In the second half, we played really well on defense, which gave us more momentum in our offense. We were able to make good plays and finish more of our shots."

The final minutes of the game were neck-and-neck, and ultimately, they came down to decisive free throws. Cavanaugh hit three crucial foul shots in the final minutes to put Andover ahead.

"Cara Cavanaugh got the bucket that put us up by two. Then, with less than a minute left, she got fouled and went to the line for a 1-1. She made both which really sealed the game, putting us up by four," said Silversides in an email to *The Phillipian*.

With two wins in a row under its belt from this week, Andover now stands at 6-6-0. The team will take on Exeter at home this Saturday.

Staunch Defense Leads to Two Wins

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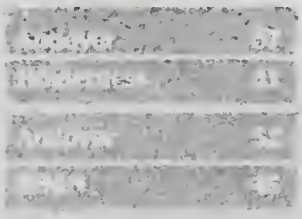

Assistant Captain Gadson Lefft '15 intercepted a pass on defense and broke away to score a layup late in the second half, adding to Andover Girls Basketball's comfortable lead in its Friday night home game against Holderness. Lefft's 14-point performance spurred the team's 57-41 victory over Holderness.

Assistant Captain and starting forward Courtney Erickson '15 had an impressive performance in the first half as well, putting up 11 points, until a dive for a loose ball in the final minutes of the half resulted in a collision that sent her to the ground. Erickson suffered a severe concussion and is expected to be out for the remainder of the season.

Leading scorers and starting guards Emma Kelley '17 and Lefft stepped up and took charge in the second half, each scoring eight points for a total of 11 and 14 points, respectively.

Andover capitalized on its height advantage over Holderness by driving to the basket. The team struggled to sink its shots from beyond the three-point arc, so driving to the basket proved to be an efficient offensive strategy.

"Since our outside shots weren't falling, we drove to the basket, getting a lot of points and drawing fouls," said Kelley.

Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 added, "We had a big size advantage on the other team, so we scored more points inside and drove to the basket since it was harder for them to guard us."

Andover had difficulty defending Holderness's leading scorer D. Johnson, who put up 17 points, including five three-pointers.

The team started the game playing a mix of 2-3 zone and man-to-man defense, but in the second half Andover fully converted to a man-to-man defense to shut down Johnson.

Lefft said, "Holderness had one good player who led her team, but once we shut her down, we were able to pull ahead."

On Wednesday, Andover traveled to BB&N and won 52-45, bringing its record back to 0.500 at 8-8. Lefft led Andover with 19 points and Cavanaugh followed with 16 points.

Andover was able to overcome the challenge of losing Erickson, as Molly Katarincic '18 stepped up in her place in the starting lineup. The team also contended with BB&N's speed and fast-paced play, which it struggled to do in its game against Tabor a few weeks ago.

"BB&N plays fast, and we are just learning how to play without [Erickson]," said Lefft.

Cavanaugh added, "They were a very fast team and were good at scoring on fast breaks."

Andover continued playing man-to-man defense successfully against BB&N, which led to increased offensive opportunities.

Kelley said, "We played good man to man defense in both halves, and did a good job playing in the gaps to block the talented drivers on BB&N. We got many defensive rebounds which led to successful offense."

Starting point guard Sarah Humes '16 said, "We shut down their offense and didn't let them drive."

As in the Holderness game, Andover found itself with a substantial height advantage over BB&N that led to crucial offensive rebounds to boost its momentum early in the game.

"We had a lot of size over BB&N, so we got offensive rebounds and made our putbacks," said Humes.

Kelley said, "Because we were much taller than BB&N, our posts scored a lot on the block."

With two wins in a row under its belt, Andover hopes to defeat Northfield Mount Hermon on Friday, a team it fell to earlier this season 66-61 during the River's Holiday Tournament.

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Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 had a season-high 16 points against BB&N.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

With a record of 8-10, Andover Girls Basketball will take on rival Phillips Exeter at 4:15 on Saturday at Phillips Exeter Academy. The game will mark the second time that the teams will meet this season, and Andover is looking to avenge its previous 76-64 loss.

Head Coach Lani Silversides said, "We're in a similar boat this year. We lost to them the first time, but not by a lot, and we know there are things we can do to beat them, so we're excited to play them again."

Last year, Andover lost to Exeter in the teams' first meeting of the season and went into the game with fewer wins; however, Andover overcame its position as the underdog and emerged from the game with a four-point 38-34 win to mark Andover Girls Basketball's first win over Exeter in four years.

"Based on our stats and our record, it didn't seem like we could beat Exeter, but we did because of the energy that we brought," said starting guard Emma Kelley '17.

Andover looks to repeat last year's feat by overcoming Exeter, which is entering the game with an impressive winning record of 13-7.

Andover learned in its last game to be wary of Exeter's Seniors Courtney Henrich, who in January became the first girl in Exeter history to score 1,000 points in her four-year high school career, and Erika Steeves who had 28 points in the last game.

Andover's Captain and four-year-player Cara Cavanaugh '15 said, " [Henrich] is really good at shooting threes as soon as she gets the ball and had eight threes last time, so we have to close out on her quickly and not let her get the ball. They also have a post player [Steeves] that is really good, who we need to completely stop."

"We will be putting a lot of emphasis on making sure we stop those guys," said Silversides.

Since its last game against Exeter, Andover has gained experience working as a team and on its defense.

Silversides said, "We have played a lot of tough teams since the last time and haven't necessarily come out with wins against these teams, but it has definitely made us stronger and better."

"We are going to play man-to-man defense, which means we will be able to guard [Henrich] and [Steeves], whereas last time, in a zone defense, we couldn't do that," Kelley said.

She continued, "We weren't ready to beat them then but we are ready to beat them now."

Girls Look to Rebound from Two Losses Before Playoffs

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With three minutes left on the clock, Captain Cara Cavanaugh '15 intercepted the ball and dribbled down the court to score a layup that brought the score in the Andover Girls Basketball game against Rivers on Wednesday to a tight 57-49 score. Cavanaugh was an offensive standout in the game for Andover with 17 points, alongside Emma Kelley '17 who put up 18 points. These two efforts were not enough, however, as Andover ultimately fell 61-50 to the talented Rivers team.

Andover made an incredible comeback attempt, scoring 12 points in the last four minutes of the game to close the gap. The loss brought Andover's record to 8-10.

In the first half, Andover broke Rivers's press with good, efficient passes up the court. The team struggled, however, to sink its shots, missing eight free throws and several field goals.

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"Our shots weren't falling," Kelley said. "We just kept getting the unlucky bounce, and we weren't getting our rebounds."

Assistant Coach Christopher Jones added, "We got to the free-throw line and missed a lot of free throws."

In addition, Andover lacked defensive intensity and experienced difficulty recovering quickly on transitions after turnovers. Rivers's guard Emma Roush outran Andover on multiple plays and helped boost Rivers ahead at key parts in the game.

Cavanaugh said, "We didn't really have help defense. We were kind of letting our players go by us, and no one was in the key to help us stop them."

Andover also failed to find its groove as a team and grappled with communication and chemistry.

Kelley said, "I think this time was different from any other game. I just felt like we weren't playing like a team. We weren't making good passes and our chemistry wasn't clicking right."

In the second half, Bailey Colon '17 and Gadson Lefft '15 broke Andover's dry spell on offense with three successful baskets within three minutes.

Toward the end of the game, the score read 57-37 with four minutes left on the clock. Determined to close the score gap, Kelley kick-started a rapid Andover comeback, scoring 12 points in three minutes.

"I didn't want to lose. And I definitely didn't want to lose by a lot. We all just got this burst of energy at the end to go all out on defense and offense. Our shots started to fall, and we were on a roll," said Kelley.

Laura Bilal '17 added, "We wanted to show Rivers that we could play and keep up with them, so we really worked hard, got to the hoop and made a real effort to get back on defense and not let them score any more points."

On Friday, Andover fell 49-38 to Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH). Although it failed to avenge its earlier 66-61 loss during the Rivers Holiday Tournament, Andover stepped onto the court with strong defense and played cohesively to pull ahead 21-18 at the end of the first half.

Bilal said, "We came out with a lot of intensity in the first half. Our communication was very good and allowed us to get through the picks NMH set. There were points in the game where we pushing the ball up the court quickly, which allowed us to gain momentum."

Head Coach Lani Silversides said, "We were talking a lot on defense and seemed to have a lot of energy, which was stopping some of their main shooters from scoring."

Andover's execution on defense translated into offensive prowess.

Bilal said, "Coach Silversides always tells us to focus on our defense and that offense will come, and I think that held true against NMH."

Cavanaugh added, "On offense, we were able to have patience and take good shots."

In the second half, Andover faltered both offensively through repeated turnovers and defensively by allowing NMH to score 31 points, primarily on transition.

Silversides said, "The girls were kind of slipping all over the floor. NMH just came out in the second half wanting the game more than our girls were showing on the court."

Silversides continued, "In the second half, what really changed the game was our turnovers. We didn't even give ourselves the opportunity to set up in the half-court and play a half court defense against them because they were stealing the ball and making fast break points."

Bilal said, "We knew what we needed to do, we just could not execute. We were throwing bad passes that turned into turnovers and we were having trouble getting back. As a team, we usually try and pride ourselves in winning both halves, but they were able to beat us in the second half."

Andover looks to finish its season on a high note with a victory over Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday.

Sport: Boys Hockey

Year: 2015

Captains: Kyle Moss & Eric Wurman

Coach: Dean Boylan

Assistant Coach: Matt Hession & Tedd Parker

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Bakerian, Robert
Bird, Samuel
Bolduc, Benjamin
Burgess, Gregory
Coulter, Gordon
Cusack, John
Daccord, Alexandre
DiGeronimo, Drew
Festa, John
Griffin, Kenneth
Harrington, Joseph
Hutchinson, Tripp
Jancsy, Payton
Levine, Tyler
Liu, Zicong
McGreal, Michael
Meyerrose, Henry
Moss, Kyle
Nugent, Collin
Orne, Jack
Tomsik, Jacob
Wurman, Erik

Phillips Academy
Boys Varsity Hockey
Roster 2015

2	Kyle Moss *	D	15	5'11	195	Sutton, MA
3	Henry Meyerrose	F	17	6'0	190	Norwich, VT
6	Joey Harrington	D	15	5'9	175	Braintree, MA
7	Payton Jancsy	D	16	5'11	185	Marblehead, MA
8	Jake Tomsik	F	17	5'10	155	Medway, MA
9	Tyler Levine	F	16	5'10	165	Laguna Beach, CA
10	Samuel Bird	D	18	6'0	190	Andover, MA
12	Rob Bakerian	D	15	6'0	195	Whitehouse Station, NJ
14	Gordon Coulter	F	16	6'2	190	Toronto, ON Canada
16	Jack Orne	F	15	6'0	190	Camden, ME
17	Tora Liu	F/D	16	6'1	190	Tewksbury, MA
18	Jack Cusack	F	18	5'8	140	North Andover, MA
19	Ben Bolduc	F	16	5'10	150	Methuen, MA
20	Drew Digeronimo	D	15	6'1	165	Fitchburg, MA
21	Michael McGreal	D	17	5'11	160	North Reading, MA
22	John Festa	F	15	6'2	191	Lynnfield, MA
24	Kenny Griffin	F	17	5'11	150	Sterling, AK
26	Greg Burgess	F/D	15	5'11	190	Miami, FL
27	Colin Nugent	F	16	6'0	178	Lemont, IL
30	Erik Wurman *	G	15	5'11	165	Acton, MA
33	Tripp Hutchinson	G	17	5'11	165	Ketchum, ID
35	Alexandre Daccord	G	18	5'8	130	North Andover, MA

* Captains

Head Coach: Dean Boylan
Asst Coach: Matt Hession
Asst Coach: Jon Morin
Asst Coach: Tedd Parker
Managers: Avery Jonas, Tom Philps

Boys Hockey
Schedule & Roster

Record: 8-15-3

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
November 15, 2014 at 3:00 PM	Scrm vs. Lawrence Academy	A		
December 5, 2014 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Brewster	H	Win	3-1
December 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Pomfret	A	Win	3-2
December 8, 2014 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	A	Tie	2-2
December 12, 2014 at 5:45 PM	Game vs. New Hampton	H	Loss	3-4
December 16, 2014 at 5:15 PM	Game vs. Groton	H	Win	4-1
December 19, 2014 at 1:00 PM	Flood Marr Tournament	A	Loss	2-4
December 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM	Flood Marr Tournament	A	Loss	0-2
December 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM	Flood Marr Tournament	A	Loss	0-2
December 21, 2014 at 8:00 AM	Flood Marr Tournament	A	Loss	3-8
January 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM	Game vs. Pingree	H	Win	5-0
January 10, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Win	1-0
January 14, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Tilton	H	Tie	2-2
January 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Loss	3-4ot
January 21, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. St. Sebastian's	A	Loss	2-4
January 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM	Game vs. Thayer	H	Loss	5-7
January 24, 2015 at 5:30 PM	Game vs. Nobles	A	CXL	
January 28, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Winchendon	A	CXL	
January 31, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. Loomis	H	Loss	3-4
February 4, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Tie	4-4
February 6, 2015 at 5:15 PM	Game vs. Belmont Hill	H	Loss	1-3
February 7, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Dexter Southfield	A	Loss	0-3
February 11, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Kimball Union	H	Win	3-2
February 13, 2015 at 5:15 PM	Game vs. Governor's	H	Win	7-0
February 18, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Cushing	A	Loss	3-6
February 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Loss	3-5
February 21, 2015 at 5:30 PM	Game vs. Brooks	H	Loss	2-4
February 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. NMH	H	Loss	2-5
February 28, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	5-3

SPORTS

Boys Find the Net After Disappointing Tournament

After a disappointing Flood-Marr Holiday Tournament at Milton over Winter Break, in which Andover was held winless, Andover Boys Hockey bounced back with a 5-0 win over Pingree to kick off the new year on Wednesday. Goals from Collin Nugent '16, John Festa '15, Jack Orne '15, Kyle Moss '15 and Tyler Levine '16 secured Andover's victory. This game showcased Andover's ability to improve on the weak areas of its game after performing well from start to finish. The team dominated in a one-sided performance and developed a sustained attack with a more effective defensive-zone coverage. In addition, the players made sure to stay competitive throughout the game and scored four of five goals in the third period.

"The chemistry has come together quite nicely. After switching up the lines a little at the start of the season, we have come up with hopefully some winning combinations," said Payton Jancsy '16.

Michael McGreal '17 added, "The atmosphere in the locker room is always positive; everybody always wants to get better."

Before break, Andover played several games, one of which ended in Andover's first loss of the season to New Hampton. New Hampton took Andover down 4-3 in overtime, but despite the disappointing outcome, Jancsy, Rob Bakerian '15 and Nugent won goals for Andover.

"We need to play [well for] 54 minutes if we want to start winning games. We have been playing well for only periods of time. Once we start playing hard for 54 minutes, we will start winning more games," Jancsy said following the New Hampton loss.

Andover reconciled the loss with a strong 4-1 victory at home against Groton four days later. Levine and Festa both contributed goals, while Nugent tallied two.

The team headed into the Flood-Marr Holiday Tournament this Winter Break with a 3-1-1 record, but a winless showing in the tourney against Milton, Hotchkiss, Westminster and Deerfield led to a disappointing last-place finish.

Andover lost 4-2 to Milton, followed by 2-0 defeats to both Hotchkiss and Westminster. The team then fell 3-8 to Deerfield in the seventh-place game.

When discussing Andover's weaknesses after the Flood-Marr Holiday Tournament, Head Coach Dean Boylan stressed the importance of improving on both ends of the ice.

"Specifically we need to improve our defensive zone coverage, and that will improve significantly if we can develop a more sustained attack in the offensive zone," said Boylan.

Injuries to key contributors Gordon Coulter '16 and Joey Harrington '15 have not helped Andover's prospects this season.

Wednesday's win against Pingree was a step in the right direction, and Andover's next matchup against Choate will be a major test for the team. A strong performance against Choate, which beat Westminster 2-1 earlier this season, will provide a firm spot to build on in preparation for the midseason home rivalry against Exeter.

Tyler Levine '16 scored one of five goals against Pingree.

Jack Orne '15 also scored against Pingree.

Collin Nugent '16 celebrates with Rob Bakerian '15.

BOYS HOCKEY

Boys Gear Up to Play Undefeated Rival Exeter

After receiving a pass from Drew DiGeronimo '15, Collin Nugent '16 snapped the puck past Choate's goalie to give Andover a 1-0 lead. Nugent's shot was the only goal of the game in a hard-fought win for Andover Boys Hockey this past Saturday.

"[DiGeronimo] crossed the blue line and gave me a drop pass, and I shot right away and sniped top cheddar," said Nugent.

Right wing Tyler Levine '16 said, "Down to the last second we battled Choate: not one dude out there didn't give his all. This battling gave us the opportunity to bury a goal and then hold our lead till the end."

Andover's away game against Choate marked the team's second consecutive shutout after a last-place finish at the Flood Marr Tournament. On Wednesday, however, the team was unable to keep up its winning streak as the team tied Tilton 2-2.

Against Tilton, Andover tied in overtime after giving up a 2-0 lead with one period left in the game. John Festa '15 scored both of Andover's goals on assists from Levine. Going into the final period, the team was unable to match its previous intensity, and lack of offensive zone possession stalled Andover's momentum.

After the game, Assistant Captain Kyle Moss '15 said, "We let up mentally and physically, stopped pursuing pucks hard, stopped crashing the net and stopped doing the little things right that we did against Choate and some of the better teams that we've won against. That kind of came back and haunted us in the end."

Captain Erik Wurman '15 added, "Coming off this past tie, I think we looked a little slow and didn't really have the energy we really needed. We didn't quite make the plays, especially the hard plays, and win the battles that we needed to win, so we were sort of just a little lackadaisical. [We] gave up a breakaway and then gave up too much time in the zone."

In addition, Andover will concentrate on improving its special teams' performance. "Our power play hasn't produced, and if we're going to be successful, we're going to need an exceptional power play," Levine said.

Michael McGreal '17 added, "On the penalty kill we need to stay out of the box."

Andover has a tough challenge ahead with a head-to-head against an undefeated Exeter squad this Saturday. Earlier in the season, Exeter defeated New Hampton, who beat Andover 4-3, by an 8-2 margin.

"I feel that the team is starting to gear up now after two big wins. Practice has been high-tempo, and I feel we need to step up to the next gear against Exeter this week," said Nugent.

Wurman continued, "The Exeter game is always a fun one. As long as the energy level is there, I think we'll be alright. We know how to play, we just didn't quite execute [on Wednesday]."

The team will look to spoil Exeter's unblemished season with an upset this Saturday

Ben Bolduc '16, who moved up to the Varsity team from JV this year, races down the ice

BOYS HOCKEY
Andover Falls in Overtime Loss to Exeter

With the puck in Exeter's defensive zone, Collin Nugent '16 whipped a pass across the ice to find Kenny Griffin '17, who fired a shot that slipped past multiple defenders and the goalie for his first goal of the season.

"I basically just made myself available for a sweetheart pass from Nugent," said Griffin after the game. "It was a great feeling to not only get my first goal but to also help swing the momentum of the game."

Cutting down a 2-0 deficit early in the second period, Griffin's goal sparked an Andover comeback that led to a 3-3 score at the end of the second period. Jack Cusack '18 followed Griffin's effort with a tipped shot exactly two minutes later, and Jake Tomsik '17 contributed a goal later in the period.

Despite the mini-comeback in the second period, Andover remained scoreless in the final period of regulation and eventually fell to Exeter 4-3 in overtime.

Andover, which boasted a 5-5-2 record before the game, was the underdog against an undefeated Exeter team. An exceptional team performance, however, kept the team in contention until the final minutes of overtime.

"We did a great job of coming out with intensity," Griffin added. "We were all there to play a solid 54 minutes."

Strong performances from young members of the team showed promise for seasons to come. Griffin and Cusack are both new players, while Tomsik is currently playing in his second season for Andover.

Starting Right Wing Tyler Levin '16 said, "Our young guys stepped up and made a difference in a game where we really needed it. Everyone played hard, and, although there were some lapses, I thought our [defensive] core played especially well."

The offensive partnership between Levine and Nugent has been productive for Andover this season. The pair has produced 15 goals and 17 assists thus far.

"I would have to say around eight of my assists were to Nugent. Nugent has [ten] goals and six assists, and I would have to say five or so of his assists were to me," continued Levine.

Boys Varsity Hockey lost its next game 4-2 against St. Sebastian's on Wednesday, bringing its record to 5-7-2. Defenseman and Assistant Captain Kyle Moss '15 and Levine tallied goals for the team.

Andover has recently struggled with its power play and in its last three games, the team has been unable to find the net on eight power play opportunities.

Andover looks to return to its winning ways against Thayer on Saturday.

Tyler Levine '16 tallied a goal against St. Sebastian's to bring his goal total up to six for the season

Offensive Outburst Not Enough to Topple Thayer
BOYSHOCKEY

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Assistant Captain Kyle Moss '15 slashed into Thayer's defensive zone and ripped a shot past the goalie's outstretched glove, scoring Andover's fifth and final goal of the game.Andover Boys Hockey found itself unable to add onto Moss's goal and ended up losing 7-5 last Friday. The loss brought Andover's record to 5-8-2.

Andover's performance highlighted the team's efficiency in the offensive zone. Although the team only had 15 shots on net, it stayed competitive throughout the game. Thayer, on the other hand, converted seven goals on a whopping 38 shots on target.

Defenseman Payton Jancsy '16 said, "Our offensive production was key during our Thayer game. We had a lot of guys contribute on the scoresheet, and we were able to convert on a minimal amount of chances."

Starting forwards Tyler Levine '16 and Collin Nugent '16 each scored a goal and tallied an assist in the game, giving them a combined total of 17 goals and 19 assists this season. Moss, Jancsy and Jack Orne '15 also tallied goals of their own. Despite the promising results in the offensive zone, Andover struggled to play with intensity throughout the game.

"I thought we did a very nice job starting the game strong and finishing the game strong. But we lacked to keep our intensity for the full 54 minutes. We need to improve on playing the entire game with the same focus and energy," said Moss.

Andover's first goal of the game, scored by Jancsy, came just a minute and ten seconds after the opening faceoff. After conceding a goal, the team cameback with a goal from Levine in the last minute of the first period, giving Andover a 2-1 lead going into the second period. The team faltered for the next 18 minutes and allowed three goals. Andover found itself in a 4-3 deficit heading into the third period. Thayer pulled away down the stretch, however, as Andover gave up three goals and responded with just two of its own. After Moss's goal cut into Thayer's lead and gave the team momentum for the final two minutes of regulation, Thayer scored an empty net goal with only 20 seconds left. Andover had trouble avoiding the penalty box throughout the game and made six trips to the box.

Starting forward John Festa '15 said after the game, "We did end up taking too many penalties that really put us behind. Along with that, we need to bear down a little more in our defensive end." Goaltender Tripp Hutchinson '17 made his first start for the team, replacing Captain Erik Wurman '15, who was out withan illness. "I believe that Hutchinson had a great game," Festa said. "That was his first start of the season and I think he really showed some great poise throughout the game." Andover will look to bounce back when it faces off against Loomis Chaffee on Saturday.

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Kaitlin Hoang '17 Tallies First Career Hat Trick

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With 11 seconds left on the clock, Kaitlin Hoang '17 split the two Worcester Academy defenders, won the race into the offensive zone and flicked the puck into the empty net. Hoang's three goals for Andover, her first career hat trick, made up all of Andover's goals in a 3-1 victory over Worcester on Wednesday.

"[After I scored the third goal,] I was just really happy I didn't miss the empty net," said Hoang.

Both teams were sluggish in the first period, with only seven shots between the two sides. Worcester struck first early in the second period to take a 1-0 lead, using its offensive prowess to set the tone in the second period.

"They were a fast and physical team, always hanging a girl high in the slot trying to get a quick odd-man rush, so we had to adjust quickly," said Anna Fucillo '15.

It was only when Andover started to push hard offensively in the third period that it took the lead. Andover took full control of the game in the third period, putting a whopping 18 shots on net. Hoang was the main beneficiary of such a huge volume of shots.

Caroline Garrity '15 said, "Coming back from vacation with only two practices is tough, and in the first period, we were all a little shaky. In the second and third periods, we came out strong, even when we were down. Today was definitely a major win for us."

In addition to accounting for all of Andover's goals, Hoang won 11 of 15 faceoff matchups. Ashley Tucker '18 was strong between the posts, stopping 19 of the 20 shots sent her way. Tucker also quelled a critical breakaway in the third period to preserve Andover's 2-1 lead.

Andover's powerful first line, comprised of Hoang, Kelli Mackey '15 and Garrity, has been tough to stop thus far in the young season.

Mackey picked up three assists against Worcester while Garrity picked up two. As the team's top three leaders in many offensive categories, the line has accounted for 15 of Andover's 22 goals, as well as over half the team's total shots.

Mackey entered play on Wednesday having scored in all four of Andover's games at the Patsy K. Odden (PKO) Tournament at the Taft School, which occurred over Winter Break. Mackey has put up eight goals and 12 points in just nine games.

"Everyone I'm on the ice with has given me great opportunities to put the puck in the net. I would say as a [Post-Graduate] I have a lot more confidence this season, and at the Taft tournament, after my first goal, I just got on a roll," said Mackey.

At the PKO tourney, the team knocked off perennial powerhouses Tabor and Taft, 3-2 and 1-0, respectively, in group play. The team then beat a strong Choate team 3-1 in the semifinals, but fell to Kent 5-1 in the finals. Andover plays Taft on Saturday in a rematch from the tournament.

Courtney Masotti '17 races Southfield down the rink

Newcomers Step Up in Three-Game Stretch

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:r Brewster last Friday.

We had a great start to the
ıson with a 3-1 win against
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ıe when needed," said Nu-
ıt.

The team continued its strong
ıy by claiming a 3-2 victory
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Defender Payton Jancsy '16
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The team hit the road to play
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defensive miscue. John Festa

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Boys Hockey celebrates a second goal by Collin Nugent '16 in Andover's 3-1 win on Friday.

'15 and Levine scored for Andover.

Due to the schedule that forced them to play three games in four days, the team was on its last legs against St. Paul's.

"Winning two games and tying one after having only two days of practice after break is no easy feat. Our work ethic in the St. Paul's game is what I am most proud of. If we continue to work that hard and play that well, close games like that will start ending in our favor," said Jancsy.

While the team sometimes struggled to communicate on the ice, individual efforts produced clutch goals for Andover.

Jancsy added, "After a very successful season last year, we have very high hopes for this season. Despite losing some key contributors from last year's team, we are positive this year's team can be equally dangerous and competitive."

Expectations will be high for the team this season after finishing last year with an overall record of 16-7-4. Andover made the playoffs and lost in a heartbreaking semi-finals match against Nobles & Greenough. The team, however, lost 11 Seniors across all positions, including defensive stalwart and Captain David Belluche '14.

Some early season injuries derailed Head Coach Dean Boylan's plans and forced the team to shuffle the lines around. Players previously on the third and fourth lines have seen significant playing time.

Captain Erik Wurman '15 said, "Everyone is working really hard, and people who weren
playing big roles before we g
banged up stepped up and a
playing big roles now."

Wurman stressed the impo
tance of continuing to improv
as the season progresses, esp
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"We could tighten up o
defensive zone. We've gotte
hemmed in a couple times an
that's something that we coul
definitely avoid," said Wurman

On Friday, Andover will loo
to continue its excellent play
home against New Hampton.

Andover Desperate for Win

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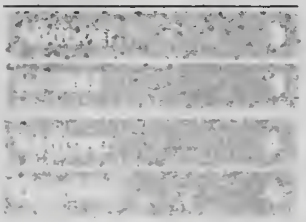

Corralling a pass from fellow defenseman Rob Bakerian '15, Assistant Captain Kyle Moss '15 rocketed a one-timer under the goalie's blocker to tie the game 1-1 early in the second period against Loomis Chaffee on Saturday.

"We were on the power play and we were just working it around trying to open up a lane in their defense when Rob gave me a pass from the wing and I just took a one-timer that beat the goalie," said Moss.

After conceding a goal later in the period, the team came back to tie the game once again with a goal from Jack Orne '15. The team took the lead when Collin Nugent '16 scored 11 minutes into the third period.

Despite holding the lead with seven minutes to go, Andover was unable to keep Loomis out as it equalized the score two minutes later, then scored the game-winning goal with 30 seconds left.

Andover's loss against Loomis marked the team's fourth straight defeat and brought its record to 5-9-2.

After the game, starting forward Tyler Levine '16, who recorded the assist for Nugent's goal, said, "It's hard to say [we did] well considering the outcome and especially once you take into account the fact that we've lost the past four games in a row."

Although four straight defeats can be discouraging, these results do not reflect the nature of the team's recent performances. Andover's four most recent games have all been decided by one- or two-goal margins. Playing against an undefeated Exeter team last month, for example, Andover battled intensely throughout the whole game only to concede a goal in the final minutes of OT.

When asked what area of the team's performance needs improvement, Levine said, "The last ten minutes of every game."

Moss added, "We did well coming out strong and playing the entire game with the intensity we needed, but we need to figure out how to finish the game. Although we battled for the whole 54 minutes, we still came out with a loss, and we need to find ways to win those kind of games."

The next game at Deerfield on Wednesday ended in a 4-4 deadlock. Holding a 4-2 lead going into the third, Andover once again faltered towards the end of the game. Nevertheless, the result was a significant improvement from the team's last encounter with Deerfield in which Andover lost 3-8 in the Flood-Marr Tournament.

Moss tallied two goals while Nugent and Joey Harrington '15 scored the other two for Andover.

Defenseman Payton Jancsy '16 said, "We did not meet our own expectations in terms of performance. There were times when we work hard and play with high intensity. When we play like that for 54 minutes, I truly think we are unstoppable. There were other times tonight when we played with little intensity. During those times, we gave Deerfield the momentum they needed to get back in the game. Tonight we had chances to put them away, but we lowered our intensity levels."

Andover will look to earn a much-needed win against Belmont Hill on Friday.

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Assistant Captain Kyle Moss '15 celebrates a goal with his linemen.

in Nugent '16 is Andover's starting left wing and leading goal scorer.

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Collin Nugent '16 Scores Five Goals in Two Games

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Holding the puck on a pow-play in Governor's defensive ne, Collin Nugent '16 skated to open ice and rocketed the ck past the goalie for the first his three goals in the Friday ne that gave Andover Boys ckey a 4-0 lead.

"I passed the puck to [Assis-nt Captain] Kyle Moss ['15] who passed to John Festa ['15] who passed back up to me on the dot," said Nugent after the game. "I took a few steps in and shot top right corner."

Andover came out of the locker room with a purpose, dominating the game from the first drop of the puck. Forward Tyler Levine '16 scored his first of two goals after just 13 seconds of play, and Festa tallied a goal of his own ten minutes later.

After claiming a 2-0 lead in the first period against Governor's, the team did not let up in the second period. Levine and Nugent both found the net within the first minute, and Nugent would later tally two more goals to end the period.

Going into the third with a comfortable 6-0 lead, Andover maintained a strong presence in the offensive zone. Festa slotted Andover's final goal with five minutes left in the game.

The first line's chemistry shined throughout the entire game, as the three forwards contributed all seven of Andover's goals on Friday. Moss, Michael McGreal '17 and Tora Liu '16 tallied assists in the game as well.

Nugent said, "Everything was really clicking for me in the game, which helped me produce for the team. My linemates [Levine] and [Festa] came to work against Governor's. I owe a lot of my success in that game to both of them."

Goalies Erik Wurman '15, Tripp Hutchinson '17 and Alex Daccord '18 all contributed to the win, finishing with a combined shutout.

Andover's crisp offense coupled with its staunch defense resulted in a relatively stress-free night for the team's goalies. The team finished with 30 shots on goal and held Governor's to only 13.

Head Coach Dean Boylan said, "Our ability to get pucks to the net was key against Governor's."

Although a fast-paced offensive strategy prevailed on Friday, Andover focused on shifting to a more defensive approach for their next game against Cush ing. Boylan said, "We [needed to be very aggressive in ou [defensive] zone against a ver good Cushing team."

Despite the team's impres sive performance against Gov ernor's, Andover was unable t produce another victory, and fe to Cushing 6-3 on Wednesda Although it went into the thir period locked at 3-3, Andove couldn't finish with intensity a the team was outscored 3-0 i the final period. Nugent, Levin and Joey Harrington '15 tallie goals for Andover.

Andover will look to bounc back in its next game agains Tabor on Friday.

BOYS HOCKEY

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st challenge this year.
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patch, going 1-2-2 in its last 5 games.

Despite its role as underdogs, Andover will have no problem finding motivation to succeed on Saturday. Starting forward Tyler Levine '16, who leads the team in assists, said, "I'd be lying if I said that I'm not beyond stoked to beat the crap outta those kids from up north in their own barn."

Captain Erik Wurman '15 will play a pivotal role in the final outcome of Saturday's game, having started in the net for all but one game this season. Assistant Captain and starting defenseman Kyle Moss '15 will lead the team's back line, while leading scorer Collin Nugent '16, starting forward John Festa '15 and Levine will be counted on for offensive production from the first drop of the puck.

"Our team is very motivated for Saturday," said Moss, "Since we lost our playoff opportunity, Saturday's game will be the last of the season, and everybody is equally motivated to end strong."

Andover will also be itching to set the record straight after taking home a 7-1 loss and a 3-3 tie against Exeter last season. With a 2-6-1 record against Exeter over the past five seasons, the team's last win against its rival was a 5-2 away victory during the 2012-2013 season.

Andover's defense will need to shadow Exeter forwards Stanley Brenner '15 and Ben Solin '16, who have tallied 34 and 29 points in 27 games, respectively. Exeter's goalie Bryan Botcher '15 has been impenetrable in front of the net, posting a .933 save percentage earlier in the season after letting in only 30 goals on 447 shots.

The team will look to give its eight seniors a memorable send off with a victory at Exeter on Saturday.

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Boys Allow 14 Goals in Three Game Slide

Levine '16 reaches out for the puck and looks up the ice for an open teammate.

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:eiving a pass from for- Tyler Levine '16, starting ard Collin Nugent '16 de- his defenseman in front of r's net and roofed the puck his backhand to beat the goalie glove-side high, popping a water bottle in the process.

The goal gave Andover Boys Hockey a 2-1 lead in the middle of the second period after Levine scored earlier in the game off an assist from Nugent.

Tied 2-2 in the beginning of the third period, starting forward John Festa '15 put the team up with a tap from the top of the crease from a diving pass by Levine. Although the goal gave Andover momentum early in the final period, the team was unable to hold onto its lead and fell 5-3 to Tabor on Friday.

Levine and Nugent both tallied three points, while Assistant Captain Kyle Moss '15 and Festa finished with two points and one point, respectively.

Andover lost its next game 4-2 against Brooks on Saturday after going into the third period leading 2-1. After a scoreless first period, Festa provided an assist for Jack Orne '15, who netted the first goal of the game with a one-timer from the slot. Nugent doubled the team's lead five minutes later when he rounded the back of the net and put the puck past the goalie's blocker.

The team lost its final game of the week 5-2 against Northfield Mount Hermon on Wednesday. Once again, Andover played intensely in a close matchup until the final minutes of the game. Down 3-2 going into the third period, the team gave up two empty-net goals with less than a minute left.

Andover has shown that it can battle for an early lead from the first puck drop, having scored the first goal of the game in four of its last five matchups. The team has struggled, however, to match its strong starts with strong finishes. Except for a 7-0 shutout against Governor's, Andover has finished all of its last five games giving up at least three unanswered goals.

"I think we come out to a good start," said newcomer forward Ben Bolduc '16. "We keep on building up our intensity through the second period and then in the third the intensity isn't as high."

All eyes are on Andover's final game of the season against Phillips Exeter Academy. Exeter holds first place in the New England Prep Hockey standings with a 23-2-2 record.

The game will by far be the team's hardest challenge of the season. Andover will be looking to go out with a bang and pull an upset against its longtime rivals.

Nugent said, "I feel that our mindset will be to give it all we've got. Exeter has the advantage at home and with a win last time. I think they already feel like they are going to win. I am positive that the boys in blue will get it done this weekend because we want it more."

Sport: Girls Hockey

Year: 2015

Captains: Anna Fucillo, Elizabeth Kemp
& Eliza Quigley

Coach: Martha Fenton

Assistant Coach: Caroline Odden, Steve Weiner

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Davis, Jennifer
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Fucillo, Anna
Garrity, Caroline
Hoang, Kaitlin
Holubiak, Elizabeth
Kemp, Elizabeth
Mackey, Kelli
Masotti, Courtney
Matses, Alexa
McCarthy, Kelly
Murphy, Madison
Nestor, Miranda
Quigley, Eliza
Rigazio, Sarah
Tucker, Ashley
Welch, Charlotte
Welch, Elizabeth
Welch, Kasey
Wilson, Katherine

Phillips Academy
Girls Varsity Hockey
Roster 2015

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G-66	ASHLEY TUCKER	2018	G	WENHAM, MA
G-33	GRACE DEXTER	2017	G	PORTLAND, ME
G-1	ALEXA MATSES	2018	G	BOXFORD, MA
2	KAITLIN HOANG	2017	F	ACTON, MA
3	SARAH RIGAZIO	2018	D	ANDOVER, MA
6	TOOKIE WILSON	2018	F	WENHAM, MA
8	ELIZABETH TSO	2018	F	WELLESLEY, MA
9	KASEY WELCH	2016	D	WINCHESTER, MA
10	KELLI MACKEY	2015	F	SEWICKLEY, PA
11	ELIZABETH WELCH	2018	F	WINCHESTER, MA
12	COURTNEY MASOTTI	2017	F	WESTON, MA
13	ELIZA QUIGLEY *	2015	D	MARBLEHEAD, MA
14	CHARLOTTE WELCH	2018	F	WINCHESTER, MA
15	ELIZABETH HOLUBIAK	2018	D	HOOKSETT, NH
16	MADDIE MURPHY	2016	F	ANDOVER, MA
17	ELIZABETH KEMP *	2015	F	GREENWICH, CT
18	KELLY MCCARTHY	2016	D	LYNNFIELD, MA
21	ANNA FUCILLO *	2015	F	WINTHROP, MA
22	JENN DAVIS	2016	F	CINCINNATI, OH
23	MIRANDA NESTOR	2016	D	READING, MA
25	CAROLINE GARRITY	2015	F	LYNNFIELD, MA

* Captains

Head Coach: Martha Fenton
Assistant Coaches: Christopher Gurry, Caroline Odden, Steve Weiner

Girls Hockey
Schedule & Roster

Record: 17-6-3

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 5, 2014 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. BB&N	H	Loss	0-3
December 10, 2014 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Winchendon	A	Win	6-3
December 12, 2014 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Dexter Southfield	H	Win	4-3
December 13, 2014 at 4:15 PM	Game vs. NMH	A	Win	1-0
December 15, 2014 at 6:30 PM	Newhl Pre Prep	H	Win	5-0
December 18, 2014 at 8:00 AM	Taft Tournament - Taft		Win	1-0
December 18, 2014 at 2:15 PM	Taft Tournament- Tabor		Win	3-2
December 19, 2014 at 8:30 AM	Taft Tournament - Choate		Win	3-1
December 19, 2014 at 1:30 PM	Taft Tournament - Kent (final)		Loss	1-5
January 7, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Worcester	H	Win	3-1
January 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Loss	1-3
January 12, 2015 at 5:10 PM	Game vs. Brooks	H	Win	5-0
January 16, 2015 at 5:05 PM	Game vs. Brewster	H	Win	5-3
January 17, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	H	Loss	1-4
January 21, 2015 at 5:15 PM	Game vs. Lawrence Academy	H	Tie	5-5
January 24, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. St. Mark's	A	CXL	
January 28, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Cushing	H	CXL	
January 30, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. St. Mark's	A	Win	5-2
January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Win	4-0
February 4, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Tie	2-2 (OT)
February 7, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. New Hampton	A	Loss	2-4
February 11, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Tabor	A	Loss	1-2 (OT)
February 13, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Governor's	A	Win	4-0
February 18, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Nobles	H	Tie	2-2 (OT)
February 20, 2015 at 5:15 PM	Game vs. Milton	A	Win	2-1 (OT)
February 23, 2015 at 4:55 PM	Game vs. Cushing	H	Win	3-0
February 25, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Westminster	H	Win	3-1
February 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	3-0

GIRLS HOCKEY

Andover Continues to Fight for Playoff Spot

Early in the third period of Andover Girls Hockey's Wednesday matchup against Brooks, right winger Caroline Garrity '15 caught a pass from Kaitlin Hoang '17 on her backhand and flipped the puck towards the far side of the net without looking, breaking the scoreless tie. Three minutes later, off another Hoang rebound, Garrity netted her second goal of the day, putting Andover on top 2-0. Garrity's two goals sparked a huge offensive outburst for Andover, as the team scored three more times to shut out Brooks 5-0.

Andover started out sluggish, failing to capitalize on offensive chances early on and turning the puck over frequently.

"We just needed to play better – it's that simple," said Captain Anna Fucillo '15, who tallied an assist in the win. "We came out in the third period with a lot more energy, skated hard and refused to lose the 50-50 battles for the puck, and they couldn't stop us."

Elizabeth Holubiak '18, Garrity and Hoang had multi-point games. In total, Andover tallied 19 shots in the third period alone, while Brooks had 16 all game. With her three points, Garrity now has 10 on the season in 11 games, while Hoang now has 12.

Alexa Matses '18 picked up her second shutout of the season against Brooks, the first being against Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH). She leads Andover's trio of young goalies with a .965 save percentage on the season.

On Saturday, the team travelled to Choate to play a 6:00 p.m. game. Despite a previous victory over Choate three weeks before in the Patsy K. Odden tournament at Taft, Andover fell 3-1.

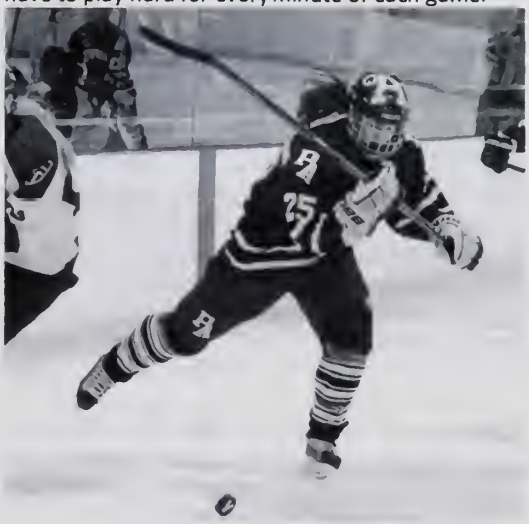
The lone goal was scored by Hoang on a breakaway. Ashley Tucker '18 stopped 18 of the 21 shots sent her way, but her effort wasn't enough.

"It was tough the first time we played them, too. It's a close matchup that could go either way every game. Choate was definitely more physical this time, and it took us some time to adjust to that and match it," said Tucker.

Andover's 5-0 victory over Brooks keeps it well in playoff contention as it improves to 9-3 on the season.

With a rest on Wednesday, the team will resume a four-game home stretch this weekend with Friday night and Saturday afternoon contests against Brewster Academy and tough opponent St. Paul's.

"It's going to be a big weekend for us," said Fucillo. "When you are competing for a playoff spot, every game feels like a must win, and against both these teams, we're going to have to play hard for every minute of each game."



Caroline Garrity '15 scored twice in Andover's rout of Brooks

Kelli Mackey '15 is part of Andover's potent first line.

Kaitlin Hoang '17 has five goals in Andover's last three games

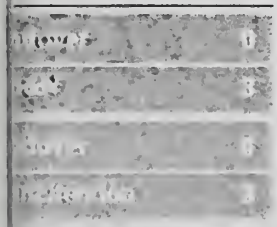
GIRLS HOCKEY
Girls' Winning Momentum Stalls

On Wednesday, Jenn Davis '16 skated through the neutral zone, created space for herself and let loose a powerful wrist shot over the goalie's right blocker to give Andover a 5-3 lead early in the third period over Lawrence Academy. Davis's first career goal, however, was not enough for victory. Andover gave up two late goals — including one with four seconds left — to let Lawrence Academy tie the game at 5 apiece. This tie came on the heels of a 4-2 loss to St. Paul's on Saturday.
The momentum shifted hands throughout the game: leading scorer Kaitlin Hoang '17 opened the scoring midway through the first period on a rebound from Kelli Mackey '15. Lawrence Academy tied the game 12 seconds later.
Captain Anna Fucillo '15 said, "They were a solid team. They skated hard and really made us fight for the puck."
Andover opened the second period with two quick goals from Mackey and Elizabeth Welch '18 which gave Andover a 3-1 lead. Lawrence Academy replied with two goals of its own late in the second and tied the score again.
In the third period, Hoang netted her second goal of the day, and Davis added her goal to finish off the scoring for Andover. Desperate for some sort of offensive production, Lawrence Academy drew within one goal, scoring on a power play with two minutes left in the game, and, after pulling its goalie, Lawrence Academy tied the game with just four seconds left on the clock, sending the game into overtime.
Andover controlled the puck for nearly the entire overtime period, pounding ten shots at the Lawrence goalie. Lawrence only got off two shots in the same time. The players had several chances to score the game-winning goal but failed to capitalize and ended up tying Lawrence 5-5.
Caroline Garrity '15 said, "I mean obviously it's a little frustrating, not getting the win, but they were a good team, and we controlled much of the game and I'm proud of the team for that. We put on a lot of pressure and I think there are a few shots we might've wanted back but overall a solid effort."
Andover outshot Lawrence 36-23, with goalie Ashley Tucker '18 stopping the 18 shots sent her way. Andover won 64 percent of draws in the faceoff circle and held the puck in the offensive zone for much of the game.

While Andover's tie showed an improvement from its 4-2 loss to St. Paul's earlier in the week, the team still struggled to close out the game. After letting in two quick goals in the first period, Andover struggled to make up for lost ground. Andover brought the score to 3-2 late in the game, but with Andover's goalie pulled, St. Paul's added an empty-netter to put the game out of reach.
Three-year veteran Kasey Welch '16 said, "We outshot them 31-23, but they made the most of their shot opportunities. They had a bunch of really good shots on the offensive end, and we weren't able to do the same on our end. Some of our shots weren't very strong. I also think we were intimidated going into the game because of all of St. Paul's success in past years, but we did a really good job coming back from down two goals. What hurt us were their good shots and the empty net goal at the end."
Andover will travel to St. Mark's tomorrow to try and improve its record to 11-4-1.

Girls Tally Six-Goal Performance to Avenge BB&N Loss

By Sam Zager
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



elly Mackey '15 took off n her own zone, blew past Winchendon defender and ed to her left. Leaving the Winchendon goalie sprawling on the ice, Mackey calmly flipped the puck into the back of the net for a smooth hat trick. The goal gave Andover Girls Hockey a commanding 4-0 lead early in the second period. Mackey scored half of the team's goals in its 6-3 win over Winchendon last Wednesday.

"I wasn't really thinking about [the hat trick] at all after the first two goals. I just wanted to win the game. Once I saw the puck go in, I just thought, 'Oh I actually scored,' but it didn't really hit me that I had scored a hat trick," said Mackey.

The team rebounded from a disappointing 3-0 loss to BB&N in the first game of the season last Friday. BB&N pounced on Andover early in the game, and Andover struggled to establish an offensive rhythm.

Defensive miscues and long stretches of time spent in the defensive zone cost Andover as the game progressed and neutralized Andover's offense. Additionally, because the game was Andover's first of the season, the team was still learning how to work with each other.

Andover controlled every facet of the game against Winchendon. "Right from the first drop of the puck, we showed up to play and showed up determined to win. It was really awesome," said Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15.

"I think [the team] just played without fear," added Head Coach Martha Fenton. "There was no hesitation, they went to the puck, they won all those one-on-one battles, and that's what we were focused on and I think it really made a big difference."

Mackey netted the first goal just four minutes into the start of the game and a minute later Courtney Massotti '17 tacked on a second goal to give Andover a two-goal advantage.

The goal was Massotti's first of her career. "I kind of just saw the puck on the ice, I'd been winning the battle for position all night, and I was fortunate to be in a good spot to have an open shot," said Massotti.

Charlotte Welch '18 and Miranda Nestor '17 added to the rout, and through two periods Andover had a 5-1 lead. Caroline Garrity '15 added two assists of her own as Andover outshot Winchendon 33 to 14, finding quality chances all along the way and keeping the puck in the offensive zone.

Elizabeth Welch '18 also picked up an assist of her own as she and her twin, Charlotte Welch, exploited the Winchendon defense. "I think we're used to each other's play and know where we are going to be," said Elizabeth Welch. "We just find each other naturally and it really works well."

The twin sisters, along with Co-Captain Anna Fucillo '15, have been a powerful line thus far for Andover, combining for 24 of Andover's 52 shots of the season. "We really worked as a team, we communicated really well and executed our system," said Fucillo.

Andover returns to the ice Friday afternoon at home against Southfield to try and build on their momentum.

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oline Garrity '15 tallied two assists in Andover's blowout of Winchendon.

Girls Reclaim Winning Ways

By Sam Zager
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Following the opening faceoff won by Charlotte Welch '18 against Exeter on Wednesday, Kelli Mackey '15 raced into the offensive zone, beat both defenders and wrapped the puck around the sprawled Exeter goalie for her 12th goal of the year just ten seconds into the game. Despite a strong offensive performance, Andover Girls Hockey tied Exeter 2-2 in overtime.

Andover's tie came on the heels of a solid weekend for the team, beating St. Mark's 5-2 and Deerfield 4-0 on the road on Friday and Saturday night, respectively.

After Mackey's goal, Andover then poured on 14 total shots in the first period to Exeter's seven, but headed to the locker room still up only 1-0.

In the second period, Andover tacked on ten more shots to Exeter's six, but couldn't find the net, missing a few key opportunities. Alexa Matses '18 was brilliant at goalie, stopping all 13 shots sent her way before exiting prior to the start of the third period due to an injury.

Exeter scored in the first minute of the third period to tie the game off a rebound. With just under five minutes left to play in the game, Charlotte Welch retook the lead for Andover off a precise feed from sister Elizabeth Welch '18.

Andover had a chance to win, but a power play goal from Exeter with 1:42 remaining tied the score and sent the game into overtime.

"This is one I really felt like we should've had," said Caroline Garrity '15, "We outshot them, outskated them and we really felt like we put ourselves in a good position to win and it was just disappointing to see it end up as it did."

In regulation, Andover outshot Exeter 36-19 and won about 60 percent of draws in the faceoff circle.

In overtime, the two teams were evenly matched. Exeter opened up with heavy pressure in the Andover zone, producing three quick shots before Andover took over later in the period. An Exeter penalty with 1:34 left in overtime ensured Andover would be on the attack towards the end of the game.

Andover failed to capitalize on this offensive opportunity, however, and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

Captain Anna Fucillo '15 said, "I'd like to have this one back. A few mistakes cost us a win and I think we definitely could have played better. All we can do now is just move on to the next [game]."

On Friday, Andover pounded St. Mark's for five goals and 40 shots. The team also set a new season high with an incredible 24 shots in the second period alone.

Saturday's game continued this pattern of offensive prowess, as Andover shut out Deerfield 4-0. The team has shown great depth as of late, as eight different players scored nine goals during the weekend. As Andover continues to push towards playoffs, it will need contributions from the entire team.

The team boasts a 11-4-2 record heading into its away game on Saturday against New Hampton.

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ne Garrity '15 is a dominant force for Andover's offense.

Girls Keep Playoffs in Sight

By Sam Zager
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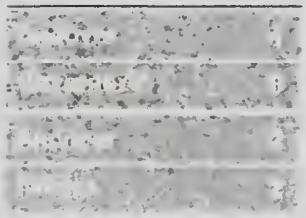

Anna Fucillo '15 waited in the slot unguarded as Caroline Garrity '15 dumped the puck into the offensive zone. Off a rebound from Elizabeth Welch '18, Fucillo flicked a wrist shot into the back of the net to give Andover Girls Hockey a 2-0 lead over Governor's on Friday and the momentum to close out a 4-0 win.

Following a rocky two game losing streak, the team faced a lot of pressure this week in order to make the playoffs, and as a result, Andover was all business squaring off against Governor's.

Following a quick goal from Kelli Mackey '15 that extended her team lead early in the first, Andover never looked back, dominating Governor's in every facet of the game. Governor's did not get a shot off on Andover goalie Ashley Tucker '18 for the first ten minutes of the game, until Tucker made a diving save on a shot right in front of the net.

In the second period, Fucillo and Elizabeth Welch both scored, giving Andover a solid three goal advantage. Andover's stifling defense only allowed 11 shots all game, while its offense totaled 37.

One of Garrity's goals from the third period sealed the victory as Andover rolled to a 4-0 win and Tucker picked up the shutout.

"We all know what's at stake here and we know what we need to do to make it [to the playoffs]," said Fucillo. "It's going to take everything we've got and this game was a good first step for us."

Riding the momentum of the win into Wednesday's game, Andover faced a very strong Nobles and Greenough team. Nobles, with a preparatory girls' hockey program, a featured a skater on the United States U18 National Team as well as a forward committed to play at Boston College. Andover battled the stacked team to a 2-2 tie.

Nobles struck first, as the two Nobles superstars combined to score on a quick odd-man rush. Entering the second period, Andover trailed 1-0, behind strong play from goalie Alexa Matses '18.

In the second, Andover retaliated with goals from Charlotte Welch '18 and Jenn Davis '16 to take a 2-1 lead. Less than a minute later, Nobles tied the game at two apiece.

Nobles pressed Andover hard in the third period. Two Andover penalties kept Nobles on the attack for the first half of the period. Matses, however, would not go down, stopping the 16 shots sent her way.

Andover couldn't generate much offense late in the game, failing to score on Nobles' penalties late in the third period.

Overtime play was even, as both teams traded shots but could not gain an advantage. With just under ten seconds remaining, Andover brought the puck into the slot. A shot from Kaitlin Hoang '17 was deflected and picked up by Fucillo.

A remarkable save by Nobles's goalie saved the game for Nobles, and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. The tie keeps Andover's playoff hopes alive, as it moves to 14-6-3 on the season.

Mackey said, "It was a full team effort today. "Everyone knows if we want a shot at the playoffs, we have to play as a team. Everyone went out with their best effort and even though we didn't win, I think we're all proud of the result today against such a good opponent."

Andover will continue its journey to the playoffs as it faces Milton on Friday.

L.HAMMAN/*THE PHILLIPIAN*
Eliza Quigley '15 looks up the ice for an open temmate.

J.WOLFE/*THE PHILLIPIAN*

GIRLS HOCKEY

Boasting a 15-7-3 record, Andover Girls Hockey will face off against Exeter this Saturday. The team currently sits just shy of qualifying for the playoffs, which will feature the top eight teams in New England.

Andover played two impressive games this week in preparation for the tilt against Exeter. The team handily beat Cushing 3-0 on Monday with two goals from Junior Charlotte Welch '18. Then on Wednesday, Andover ground out a 3-1 victory over Westminster with goals from Kelli Mackey '15, Kaitlin Hoang '17 and Anna Fucillo '15.

The victory over Westminster was especially crucial, as the two teams were dueling for the same playoff spot.

The last time Andover played Exeter, the game ended in a disappointing 2-2 draw. Mackey struck first for Andover, scoring a goal off the opening faceoff just ten seconds into play. Andover poured on enormous offensive pressure, outshooting Exeter 43-22, but struggled to find the net.

"This time around we're going to be really focused. We're really excited to play Exeter in Andover/Exeter," said Charlotte Welch.

After Exeter tied the game early in the third period, Charlotte Welch scored with just two minutes to play and gave Andover a 2-1 lead. With 1:41 to play, an Andover penalty allowed Exeter to tie up the game in the dying minutes of the game.

For the team, the tie was a tough pill to swallow. Mackey said, "Last time we played Exeter, we let them completely back into the game. We know they're good and will come out hard on us, but we are ready to play as a team for a full 45 minutes and show who the better Phillips Academy is."

The team is also looking forward to showcasing its strengths in front of the biggest crowd that it will play in front of this season. "We've been waiting for a good crowd this whole season. It's definitely going to be super fun, but we won't be distracted. We'll just get energy from it," said Elizabeth Welch '18.

Andover has learned from previous mistakes to not underestimate its opponent. With so much on the line, the team will look to put together its strongest performance of the season. "We know what we need to do. We know what this week means for us, and we aren't taking it for granted," concluded Caroline Garrity '15.

Three-Win Week Keeps Andover In Playoff Contention

By Sam Zager
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Milton Academy	1
Andover	2
Cushing	0
Andover	3
Westminster	1

With just 20 seconds remaining on the clock in the third period of Andover Girls Hockey's critical matchup against Westminster on Wednesday, Co-Captain Anna Fucillo '15 intercepted a Westminster pass in the neutral zone. With the crowd and her teammates roaring on the bench, Fucillo skated down the ice unimpeded and buried an empty net goal to seal a 3-1 victory.

"Wow," said Fucillo. "That goal was just something special for me. It felt like today everything just sort of came together for me, for the Seniors, for all of us. Scoring that goal in my last home game at Andover was just incredible. We've never been this close to the playoffs before and now we can accomplish something this team hasn't done in 15 years."

The team made its case for the playoffs this week by going 3-0 against Milton Academy, Cushing and Westminster. Andover's defense remained nearly impenetrable and only allowed two goals against its opponents.

Against Milton, the team needed an overtime dagger from Elizabeth Welch '18 in order to pull off the 2-1 victory. Miranda Nestor '16 tallied the other goal for Andover.

Kaitlin Hoang '17 said, "We played down to Milton's level and had a really hard time scoring that game, but some of the girls definitely stepped up."

Against Cushing, Ashley Tucker '18 earned her third shutout of the year in a 3-0 victory. Two goals from Charlotte Welch '18 propelled Andover's offense.

Andover and Westminster, both ranked in the top 10 teams in New England in the last poll, both very badly needed a win on Wednesday. A loss meant near certain elimination.

Caroline Garrity '15 said, "We knew it was going to be a battle from the start. Westminster is a solid team and we knew a win for us was going to take absolutely everything we had and we just competed out there."

The game started out evenly matched, as both teams traded shots all through the first. With 10 minutes to go in the period, Kelli Mackey '15, a Post-Graduate, buried the opening goal for Andover to take a 1-0 lead.

Mackey said, "I went into this game with a lot of emotion. Last year at my old school we lost to Westminster in triple OT in the quarterfinals, so this game meant a lot to me. [Charlotte Welch] put a good shot on net, the rebound came on my stick, and I put everything I had behind it into the back of the near side of the net."

Mackey's team-leading 17th goal of the season came at the perfect moment for Andover. Westminster would regain momentum a minute and a half later with a goal of its own to tie the game.

The score remained tied 1-1 entering the second period and remained that way until Hoang netted a backhand shot over the Westminster goalie's shoulder with three minutes remaining in the period.

Hoang played consistently all game long, turning the puck over just once and winning an impressive 14 of 16 draws in the faceoff circle.

In the third period, the score remained at a 2-1 deadlock. Westminster failed to capitalize on an Andover penalty and had numerous scoring opportunities thwarted by the exceptional play in net by Alexa Matses '18.

With a minute to play, Westminster called a timeout and pulled its goalie, but Andover's defense held. Matses made 22 saves on 23 opportunities, including one on a breakaway two-on-zero rush.

Matses said, "I knew the game meant a lot to all of us and I wanted to make the team proud. I definitely had a lot of energy today and was really excited. I was a little nervous, but thankfully it didn't show up in my play."

Andover will face off against Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday, continuing its quest for the playoffs.

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Caroline Garrity '15 shoots off a pass to her teammate up the ice.

Sport: Nordic

Year: 2015

Captain: Paxton Hyde

Coach: Keith Robinson

Assistant Coach: Anna Milkowski
& Mika Latva-Kokko

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Bango, Carmen
Brady, Lila
Czito, Abigail
Glover, Claire
Hyde, Paxton
Kumar, Viraj
LaMarche, Olivia
Leopold, Claudia
Newell, Isaac
Noble, Cyrus
Rossman, Thea
Tope, Parker
Vitale, Tevis

Phillips Academy
Nordic Roster – 2015

Name	Yr	Hometown
Augus, Lily	2016	Berkeley, CA
Bango, Carmen	2016	Woodstock, VT
Brady, Lila	2018	Yarmouth, ME
Czito, Abigail	2015	Raleigh, NC
Davis, Margaret	2017	Andover, MA
DeMeulemeester, Cole	2018	Red Bank, NJ
Glover, Claire	2016	Andover, MA
Holch, Chaya	2017	Brattleboro, VT
Hyde, Paxton *	2015	Burlington, VT
Irvin, Elizabeth	2017	Prides Crossing, MA
Jones, Michaela	2018	North Andover, MA
Kumar, Viraj	2017	Poughquag, NY
Lam, Kristy	2017	Tai Po, HKG
LaMarche, Olivia	2016	Lynnfield, MA
Lawlor, John	2017	Salem, NH
Leopold, Claudia	2018	New York City, NY
Mesler, Evelyn	2017	Andover, MA
Newell, Isaac	2018	Lincoln, MA
Noble, Cyrus	2018	Falmouth, ME
Rossman, Thea	2015	Charlotttesville, VA
Silva, Hayley	2015	Newtown Square, PA
Smith, Sophie	2017	Dhahran, SAU
Steiner, Margot	2017	New York, NY
Tope, Parker	2016	Minneapolis, MN
Vitale, Tevis	2016	Bozeman, MT
Yeh, Natalie	2017	Shanghai, CHN

* Captain

Head Coach: Keith Robinson
Assistant Coach: Mika Latcva-Kokko

Nordic
Schedule & Record

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	Score
December 10, 2014 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Proctor	A	CXL
January 7, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Proctor	A	G- 3rd B- 8th
January 14, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Holderness	A	G – 4th B – 8th
January 21, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Proctor	A	G- 5th B -8th
January 24, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Meet vs. St. Paul's	A	CXL
January 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Meet vs. St. Paul's	A	
February 4, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Vermont Academy	A	G- 3rd B- 6th
February 11, 2015 at 10:00 AM	NEPSAC Championship		G- 4th B- 8th
February 18, 2015 at 2:45 PM	LR Championship		G- 4th B- 8th

NORDIC

Andover Battles Mother Nature

Andover Nordic opened its season at Proctor Academy with a 5k classic skate against ten other schools on January 7. The team was eager to strap on its skis after the race was rescheduled from December 10 due to a lack of snowfall.

Andover's racers agreed that the team as a whole raced well, given the very poor racing conditions. Girls Nordic placed fifth among the eight schools that raced. Boys Nordic placed eighth among ten schools.

Despite having to practice on less than an inch of snow, Andover Nordic continued to train through the cold temperatures and brutal wind chills.

These tough conditions did not improve by the time of the race. The freezing temperature, ice and low snow on the course made skiing a challenge.

Head Coach Keith Robinson said, "It was very cold and very windy. Mostly, that made it extremely difficult for us to get the skis prepared quickly, so the kids were left with very little prep time."

The race saw multiple weather-related crashes, wipeouts and collisions for all teams. Despite these setbacks, individuals prevailed.

Newcomer Carmen Bango '16 exceeded early expectations, leading the girls and finishing third among the 61 other skiers. She completed the course with a time of 19:24.

Olivia LaMarche '16 followed behind Bango, finishing 14th with a time of 21:45. Parker Tope '16 placed as the third highest for Andover Girls, finishing 44th overall at 29:09.

Paxton Hyde '15 led the Boys, finishing 26th among the 72 other skiers. He completed the course in 20:14.

Rex Noble '18 crossed the finish line shortly after Hyde, placing 39th with a time of 21:31.

Sick and nearly without wax, Isaac Newell '18 recovered from a crash during the race and finished third highest for Andover Boys, placing 59th with a time of 24:48.

Newell said, "I'm going to continue to improve on my technique and work on not going too hard at the start."

Many on the team had not raced in a while. Most thought they could have done better and are looking to improve in the coming weeks.

Two-year team member Sophie Smith '17 said, "I hadn't skied in a really long time. I just focused on doing my best and didn't worry about what the turnout would be. [This week] I'm just going to try to get back into the swing of things."

Meanwhile, the team will continue to focus on team bonding and integration. As snowfall increases, the racers will shift to working on their technique.

Before the break, Nordic had focused on strength and conditioning when it was unable to practice outside. After battling the cold temperatures of Wednesday, however, the team would like to get some more experience outdoors.

On Wednesday, January 21, Nordic will travel to Dublin School for its third race of the year. The skiers hope that New England will receive the snow they have long awaited for.

Olivia LaMarche '16 finished in 21:45 to take 14th place out of 61.

NORDIC
Nordic Climbs Its Way Closer to Success

As Carmen Bango '16 flew across the finish line at Holderness last Wednesday with a time of 13:03, it was evident to all racers and spectators that, despite the freezing weather, she was on fire. The new Upper led the pack of 95 skiers, beating runner-up Tessa Schrupp from St. Paul's by a mere four seconds.

Bango's performance helped Andover Girls Nordic place fourth out of the nine teams that competed, with a total of 85 points.

"For the first half of the race, I concentrated on attacking the hills and catching up to the two girls who had started 30 seconds before me because I knew that the second half of the race was mostly downhill, and it would be more difficult to make up time," said Bango.

Boys Nordic placed eighth out of the 11 teams that competed overall, with a total of 153 points.

Andover slightly improved from its last meet at Proctor Academy. The Holderness race was an interval start 5k skate race, as opposed to the 5k classic race that took place at Proctor.

"These are very different styles, and I think most of us are better at skate skiing, which boosted our standing," said Olivia LaMarche '16.

Weather conditions were also notably better at Holderness than at Proctor, with less wind and a milder temperature.

Snow covered the entire 5k course, so the skiers raced around the whole course as opposed to four loops of a smaller course. The course had many rolling hills, in particular an upwards hill towards the beginning and a large downhill slope at the end that accelerated the pace of the race.

LaMarche, Claire Glover '16 and Claudia Leopold '18 finished second, third and fourth for Andover, respectively.

LaMarche finished the race three minutes after Bango, placing 16th overall with a final time of 16:05. Glover placed 49th at 20:30.7.

Leopold experienced her first ever Nordic race, beating out 29 other skiers for 56th place with a time of 21:33.3.

Boys Captain Paxton Hyde '15 expressed his praise and high hopes for her after the race.

He said, "[Leopold] might be skiing in the four-person relay team at the end of the season. She obviously has a lot of natural talent, so she'll be one to watch in the next couple of years."

Hyde finished 26th out of a group of 90 skiers, with a final time of 14:06. Newcomer Rex Noble '18 completed the course shortly afterwards with a time of 14:35, placing 30th.

Isaac Newell '18, also new to the team, placed 48th with a time of 15:37.8.

He said, "At the end I definitely felt like I had more energy left, whereas I normally collapse or nearly collapse after races. In retrospect, I feel like I should have gone harder, but I felt like I kept very good technique the whole time."

Last Saturday, the team traveled to Waterville ski area. The new team members finally got to ski and the racers had a chance to get some distance and form practice with classic skiing.

The New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) individual championship race is classic technique this year, while the relay will be skate.

Head Coach Keith Robinson said, "We're just trying to make the best of the situation. Obviously we would love to have snow here, but we don't so there's not much we can do about that right now. Right now, we keep doing the best we can to stay fit."

The team traveled yesterday to the Dublin School in Dublin, NH., for a two-person classic technique relay race. See next week's article for the results.

NORDIC
Nordic Climbs Its
Way Closer to Success

NORDIC
Andover Struggles
To Find It's Form

Andover Nordic paired up to compete in a relay ski race last week at Proctor Academy on Wednesday, January 21. In its third race of the season, the boys finished eighth out of 11 teams with a total of 55 points, and the girls finished fifth out of eight teams with 31 points. "[Proctor] was the same course as our first race, and I think we just all wanted to put that behind us. I think everyone of the racers left yesterday feeling much better and knowing that they all had a pretty good race," said Head Coach Keith Robinson. This time around, conditions were only slightly better. With higher temperatures, the team came into the race loose and warmed up. The course, however, remained very icy, again causing many spills and collisions across all teams. The little snow present on the course was grainy and soft, creating difficult conditions for classic skiing.

Although the conditions were not ideal, the team felt more comfortable with the course the second time around. Captain Paxton Hyde '15 said, "We knew how to pace ourselves fairly well and how to navigate the turns and hills. Knowing how to measure my effort on the hilly section versus the flat section was useful, and on both laps I was able to make up a lot of time by double poling hard on the flat sections." In the classic relay skate, Andover entered two pairs of boys and four pairs of girls. Each skier in a pair raced twice around the 1.4-kilometer course, alternating laps. For Boys, Hyde competed with Rex Noble '18. They placed 17th out of 46 pairs with a final time of 19:12. The other pair for Boys Nordic, Isaac Newell '18 and Tevis Vitale '16, placed 38th with a final time of 23:57. Newell said, "I didn't really have a concrete goal before the race. I just wanted to do my best." For Girls, Olivia LaMarche '16 and Carmen Bango '16 raced as a pair. Bango won the entire race for the girls race at Holderness on January 14. Their time of 19:01 landed them fourth out of 38. The pair of Uppers, Claire Glover '16 and Parker Tope '16, placed 27th with a final time of 27:06. Thea Rossman '15 and Claudia Leopold '18 placed 29thwith a final time of 29:16. They were closely followed by Andover's last pair of Abby Czito '15 and Margot Steiner '17, who placed 31st with a final time of 29:56. Leopold said, "During the race I just focused on the pointers [Robinson] gave me during the warm-up lap, particularly about staying balanced and pushing off after each step."

The race at St. Paul's, scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 24, was canceled, as well as the team's next meet on Wednesday, January 28, at St. Paul's. Nordic's long awaited snow arrived this past week as snow fell Monday through Tuesday. The team will finally be able to practice its skiing technique and endurance. Endurance, in particular, will be stressed, as Snowstorm Juno dumped over two feet of snow around campus. Andover skiers will have to learn how to deal with deep and powdery snow on its track. Andover's next meet is away at Vermont Academy on Wednesday, February 4.

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New Faces To Lead the Charge

By Arthur Paleologos

Andover Nordic will be comprised of new faces and youthful energy this year. Of the top racers from Girls Nordic last year, only Olivia LaMarche '16 will return to compete this season. Of the top racers from Boys Nordic last year, only Captain Paxton Hyde '15 will return.

Head Coach Keith Robinson, however, is optimistic. "We have some young newcomers with experience," said Robinson. "Hopefully the team will come together and quickly improve."

Sixteen new skiers will join a returning roster of ten students.

New Upper Carmen Bango '16 will be a key racer alongside LaMarche, bringing a history of competitive skiing from her home state of Vermont. LaMarche has skied since she was a Junior and placed in seventh at the final race of the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) at the conclusion of last year's season.

Rex Noble '18 and Isaac Newell '18 both have prior skiing experience. Newell is part of Cambridge Sports Union, which is a year-round Nordic club that trains six days a week. He participated on the Lincoln-Salisbury High School Nordic Team as a ninth grader before coming to Andover.

Last year, the Girls team finished fifth in the NEPSAC, while the Boys team finished eighth overall.

The team has yet to practice on skis this season with the current lack of snow, but it is finding ways to work around it. As an alternative, the practices have consisted mostly of running and strength conditioning. The team has tried to be especially organized about strength workouts this season in order to establish team chemistry.

With only a few days of practice under their belt, Nordic racers, new and old, have already started bonding. "It's a great group of people," said Newell.

Hyde said, "There is even more bonding to come. A lot of team bonding comes from being in the really cramped environment of the wax room. It makes people become friends really quickly."

Hyde's leadership will have a great impact on the success of the team this season. "I think he's a very stoic leader," said Margot Steiner '17, who also participated on the team last year. "He has such a love for the sport, and it really shines through and gets everyone else excited. How hard he works really sets an example for all of us."

Abby Czito '15, Thea Rossman '15, Claire Glover '16, Parker Tope '16, Evelyn Mesler '17 and Sophie Smith '17 round out the eight returners on the Girls team.

Viraj Kumar '17 will join Hyde as one of the two returners on the Boys team.

Wednesday's race at Proctor in Andover, NH, was cancelled. Instead, the team will first compete after Winter Break, traveling to Proctor on Wednesday, January 7.

The team has nine races scheduled for the season. Unfortunately, Andover will not host any races. Nordic will race teams in both the NEPSAC as well as the Lakes Region League.

Over the Winter Break, contrary to most other students, the team hopes it will snow in Andover, so that upon its return it can get outside and begin the season in earnest.

Carmen Bango '16 Nabs First Place in NEPSACs

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

On February 11, Andover Nordic traveled to Gould Academy in Bethel, ME., for the NEPSAC Championship races. At 5:45 in the morning, the team began its journey North and did not return to campus until 8:30 p.m. after a long and exhausting day.

The championship consisted of two events for both boys and girls, the first of which was a 6.5 kilometer classic race with individual starts that took place in the morning. The second race was a 12 kilometer relay in which each team put forth a team of four members. Overall, the boys placed sixth out of nine teams while the girls placed fourth out of six teams.

The conditions were the best that the team had seen this season, despite the fact that the temperature was close to zero at the start of the first event. The wide, well-groomed course had plenty of snow and there was little wind to sap the team's strength.

The team suffered from sickness. Many key racers, including Isaac Newell '18, Parker Tope '16 and Claudia Leopold '18 did not race. Regarding the many setbacks the team has had this season, Head Coach Keith Robinson said, "I think we've just gotten it done by having good spirit and everyone being willing to step up and do whatever they are able to."

Everything came down to the championship race for Carmen Bango '16. With two victories from past races, she had high expectations to live up to from her coach, her teammates and onlookers from rival schools..

She proved that she deserved to be number one in the NEPSAC by winning first place in the event with a time of 21:00.1, leaving the other 29 skiers who raced far behind her.

Bango said, "Crossing the finish line, I didn't know if I had won or not because it was an individual start, but I did know that I had done my best for the day to ski hard and stay focused during my race."

Olivia LaMarche '16 finished second for Andover in 16th with a final time of 26:47.2.

LaMarche said, "To be honest, during the race I was thinking about my biology test I had the next day. We are learning about the circulatory and respiratory circuits, so I was thinking about what was happening in the body as I raced."

Lila Brady '18, who raced in her second ever race, finished just three places behind in 19th, and had a final time of 28:10.8. Brady said, "I didn't have a time goal; I just wanted to give it everything I had. Crossing the finish line felt amazing because I knew that all my training and practice were helping me get to this point."

Captain Paxton Hyde '15 led the boys once again, finishing 22nd among the 43 skiers. He had a final time of 21:37.4. Rex Noble '18 followed close behind in 29th with a final time of 22:52.7.

Tevis Vitale '16 said, "During the race I was really just focused on keeping a good steady pace on the uphills and not slipping out. Also, since I was just recovering from a sickness, I was trying to monitor my output to make sure that I didn't go anaerobic for too long during the race." Vitale came in third for Andover and placed 40th with a final time of 29:23.1.

The boys could not field four racers and were forced to sit out the relay in the afternoon. The Girls relay team finished in fourth out of six teams with a final time of 44:44.1.

Next week, Andover Nordic will compete in the Lakes Region Championship for its last race of the season.

Andover Concludes Season on High Note

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

With two first place finishes during the season and a first place finish at the NEPSAC Championship, the big question going into last week's Lakes Region (LR) Championship was whether Carmen Bango '16 had another victory in her before the end of her first season at Andover.

Bango proved her Nordic prowess, winning the entire Championship for the Girls, leaving the remaining racers over 45 seconds behind her when she crossed the finish line at 21:20.7. She was carrying just five points from previous races going into the Championship.

Overall, it was another fair day for Andover Nordic. Boys placed eighth among the 11 teams that raced, while Girls placed fourth among the eight teams that raced.

The LR Championship was held at Holderness School in Plymouth, NH. Andover was already familiar with the course, having competed there in its second race of the season on January 14. Bango had her first seasonal victory at that meet.

The team had been practicing hard since the NEPSAC Championship. Head Coach Keith Robinson said, "[We] just continued improvement from practicing on snow and getting more experience. The new skiers are coming along very quickly and that is really helping."

Conditions were perfect for skiing. The weather was sunny and relatively warm for a New Hampshire winter, and the well-groomed trails had plenty of snow and tough hills.

The race consisted of a 6.5 kilometer mass-start pursuit race that was divided into two loops. The first portion of the race was a classic loop and the second portion was a skate loop.

Bango said, "My goal was to pace myself for the classic portion of the race and just stay with the leaders, and then turn up the intensity for the skate portion of the race to gain the lead."

Olivia LaMarche '16 finished in 11th among the 69 other racers with a final time of 25:03.3. Lila Brady '18, who just started skiing Nordic this year, completed the course at 28:46.1 in 26th.

Brady said, "Olivia and I skied together for the whole classic course; sometimes one [of us] was ahead by a couple of seconds, sometimes the other. We motivated each other up hills and I truly couldn't have skied like I did without her. At the end of the classic course I ended up finishing first, but she beat me in the skate section."

For the Boys team, Captain Paxton Hyde '15 finished first for Andover among the 93 other racers, coming in 21st at 21:41.2. Hyde said, "I wanted to push myself to a high degree in order to finish the season and my skiing career at Andover on a performance I could be satisfied with. On the finishing straight I knew that I had given it all that I could."

In second for Andover was Rex Noble '18, who placed in 28th with a final time of 23:03.7. Isaac Newell '18 came in third for Andover, finishing 56th.

Newell said, "I just wanted to do as best I could. I knew that I would not have my best performance since pneumonia had unfortunately kept me out for two weeks. I still had fun though and I am glad to be back on skis and training again."

Overall, the team overcame a lot of adversity throughout the season. Sickness and injury, too little snow, too much snow and bad racing conditions, to name a few, pestered the team at various points throughout the Winter Term.

Reflecting back on highlights of the season, LaMarche said, "My favorite moment would have to be the last ride of the rally wagon when we blasted 'Let It Go' and everyone sang along, even [Robinson]. He knew every word to the song and there was even some dancing involved. It was a great way to end the season, with everyone singing and laughing while [Robinson] performed."

Sport: Boys Squash

Year: 2015

Captain: Michael Huang

Coach: Tom Hodgson

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Bradt, Reid
Curtis, Justin
Davenport, Kirk
Fern, Maxwell
Flynn, Katherine
Huang, Michael
Lasry Theodore
Patel, Ishaan
Quamme, John
Schwartz, Robert
Traniello, Monica

Phillips Academy
Boys Varsity Squash
2015

Name	Year	Hometown
Bradt, Reid	2015	Rye, NY
Curtis, Justin	2015	Boxford, MA
Davenport, Kirk	2015	New York, NY
Fern, Maxwell	2018	Greenwich, CT
Flynn, Katherine	2015	Boxford, MA
Huang, Michael *	2015	Wildwood, MO
Kim, Ji Seok	2015	Seoul, KOR
Patel, Ishaan	2018	Los Gatos, CA
Quamme, John	2016	Washington, DC
Schwartz, Robert	2015	North Andover, MA
Traniello, Monica	2015	Revere, MA

* Captain

Coach: Tom Hodgson
Assistant Coach:
Managers:

Boys Squash
Schedule & Roster

Record: 10-8

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 6, 2014 at 4:00 PM	Match vs. Tabor	A	Win	6-1
December 8, 2014 at 4:00 PM	Practice Match vs. Belmont Hill	H		
December 11, 2014 at 4:45 PM	Practice Match vs. Brooks	H	CXL	
January 10, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Choate and Taft		Loss	0-7, 0-7
January 14, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Deerfield	A	Loss	0-7
January 16, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Match vs. Groton	H	Loss	2-5
January 17, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Match vs. Middlesex	H	Win	7-0
January 21, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. St. Mark's	A	Win	7-0
January 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Practice Match vs. Brooks	A		
January 24, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Nobles	A	CXL	
January 29, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Match vs. St. Paul's	H	Win	4-3
January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Match vs. Belmont Hill, Choate and Westminster	A	Win/ Loss	2-5 vs. C, 6-1 vs. W
February 4, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Match vs. Exeter	H	Win	4-3
February 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM	High School Nationals @ Ferris Ath Ctr, Hartford, CT	A	Win	5-2 vs. University School of Cleveland
February 7, 2015 at 6:00 PM	High School Nationals @ Ferris Ath Ctr, Hartford, CT	A	1 Win, 1 Loss	4-3 vs. Delbarton, 2-5 vs. Gilman
February 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM	High School Nationals @ Ferris Ath Ctr, Hartford, CT	A	Win	5-2 (St. Paul's School)
February 11, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Match vs. St. George's	H	Loss	0-7
February 13, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Match vs. Brooks	H	Loss	3-4
February 20, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Match vs. Concord	H	Win	7-0
February 25, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Match vs. Exeter	A	Loss	2-5
February 27, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Interscholastics	A		
February 28, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interscholastics	A		
March 1, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interscholastics	A		

BOYS SQUASH

Boys Fall In Decisive Sweeps

Addison Davenport '15 sprinted to the front right corner in pursuit of a drop shot from his opponent. With a flick of his wrist as he dove through the air, Davenport kept the ball in play and later won the point with a shot into the nick for a winner.

Andover Boys Squash has suffered three shutout losses against Taft, Choate and Deerfield after winning its first match of the season. Although there were close matches up and down the ladder, they all fell in favor of Andover's opponents.

Andover was scheduled to play a match against Exeter as well, but Exeter was unable to make it to the match due to unforeseen circumstances.

Taft, which boasts a 5-1 team record, has only dropped eight individual matches over six matches. As a consistent threat to capture the championship in the Founder's League, Taft displayed its depth throughout the lineup by sweeping Andover with relative ease.

Andover players were not too upset with the team's performance against Taft. "Against Taft, we did our best to play good, smart squash," said Jack Quamme '16, who played as the fifth seed.

Head Coach Tom Hodgson wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "Taft was too strong, more experienced and skilled. We knew that going in. We had moments when we made them work for their points but they won all the games, and only a third of them were close."

Andover, tired from a defeat against Taft, put up a disappointing showing against Choate. "We were playing a fresh Choate squad after we had played a full match, and they were definitely a beatable team," continued Quamme.

Captain Michael Huang '15 took an early two-set lead in his match, but his opponent managed to battle back to steal the match 3-2. Choate proceeded to sweep every match between the second and fifth seeds to seal the match.

On Wednesday, the team traveled to Deerfield Academy and lost 7-0. Andover was only able to win four sets total. Davenport had the closest match of the day at the seventh spot, but his comeback ultimately fell short.

Despite the losses, Hodgson is optimistic about the team's development thus far in the season and expects better performances in the future.

"We are a good group with a nice mixture of maturity and youthful inexperience. Practices are lively and productive, and as we gain in fitness and match experience, we should see significant improvement during the season," Hodgson wrote in an email to The Phillipian.

With a 1-3-0 record, Andover has started slowly but has plenty of room to improve, and at the end of the season, the team will look back at these losses as learning experiences.

Davenport said, "Five of the seven starting Varsity players didn't play a full season for Andover last year. The team as a whole is inexperienced and is benefiting enormously from match play opportunities."

Andover will look to rebound from tough losses when it hosts Groton on Friday and Middlesex on Saturday

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BOYS SQUASH

Boys Shatter Three-Game Losing Streak

With Andover Boys Squash one point away from victory, Jack Quamme '16 dashed to the front of the court after his Middlesex opponent hit a drop shot. Quamme, who had just recovered after losing the third game of the match, reached out and hit a powerful reverse boast to end the match and help Andover to a 7-0 sweep last Friday. The win came a day after a 2-5 loss to Groton.

Against Groton, the team was able to secure two wins out of number two seed Justin Curtis '15 and number six seed newcomer Ishaan Patel '18.

Curtis came back after losing his first two games, winning the next three games and finishing the match with a 3-2 win. Patel won his match 3-1.

The rest of the team did not fare as well, with all but one member losing 3-0. Max Fern '18 was the only losing Andover player who did not get swept, as he lost 3-1.

Head Coach Tom Hodgson wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "Almost all of the [individual] games [against Groton] were close. We lost games and matches we might otherwise have won (and hope to be able to win later in the season)."

With the Groton loss behind them, the team handed a crushing defeat to Middlesex the next day. In a complete turnaround from the Groton match, six of Andover's seven players won 3-0, while Quamme won 3-1.

Curtis said, "It was a much-needed win. We had three losses in a row, and it was nice to at least win a couple of games."

Hodgson wrote, "Saturday's Middlesex match pitted us against a less skilled but game team. We generally kept the level of play up to a decent standard."

Andover's turnaround on Saturday after a tough loss showed the team's resolve and will to win. Andover has also benefitted from strong play from its two Juniors, Patel and Fern.

"It's been really nice to have [Patel] and [Fern]," said Curtis. "They really help to solidify the ladder. They have been huge assets to the team."

Andover also faced St. Mark's on Wednesday; a team whose playing style and ability was "unknown" to Andover, according to Hodgson's email. Considering this, Andover was still able to pull off another shutout win 7-0 against St. Mark's. All of the players shut their opponents out 3-0.Robby Schwartz '15 said, "We approached the match against St. Mark's with high spirits, having come off a strong win against Middlesex last Saturday. Right now, we're focusing on some of the basics of squash, and our practices appear to be paying dividends.

Looking ahead, with a strong ladder and a little bit of momentum, Andover faces Nobles & Greenough and St. Paul's in its next two matches.

Captain Michael Huang '15 said, "We are still a very new team. The more matches we play, the more experienced we get. Over time, I think we'll be able to get better and become closer as a team."

Hodgson is optimistic about the team's future. He wrote, "I am confident that this great group of teammates, supported by our excellent managers [Monica Traniello '15 and Kate Flynn '15], will rise to every challenge."

The 2-1 week halted Andover's three-game losing streak and pushed its record to 3-4. Andover will look to claim its fourth win of the season against Nobles on Saturday, who defeated St. Mark's by the same score as Andover did on Wednesday.

Ishaan Patel '18 claimed a 3-1 victory over his opponent from Groton

BOYS SQUASH
Andover Falls To Powerhouse Brooks
ANDOVER 3
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By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER
Joey Harrington '15 races down the ice.
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Holding a 10-9 lead in his game against his Brooks opponent on January 22, Justin Curtis '15 rallied to win the fourth game and tie the match 2-2. He then sealed the deal with a winner in the fifth to clinch a 3-2 triumph. Curtis's victory was one of three Andover Boys Squash victories against Brooks. The three wins were not enough, however, and Andover's two-match winning streak was brought to an end with a 4-3 loss to Brooks.
"As a team, I thought that most of us started our matches on the wrong foot and took a little too long to get acclimated to our opponents' playing styles," said Curtis. "By the third and fourth games, however, we had begun to figure out what was working and what was not. Consequently, every match went right down to the wire, but we need to play better at the beginning of the match."
Head Coach Tom Hodgson wrote in an email to *The Phillipian,* "We faced a comparable Brooks team. The Brooks match was everything we hoped it would be, except a win," The loss was a close and heartbreaking one. Hodgson said, "14 games were decided by two points. We won only five of those." Along with Curtis's win, Andover secured two other victories from young talent Max Fern '18 and threeyear veteran Jack Quamme '16. Fern handily defeated his opponent in a 3-0 shutout. Quamme grabbed an early 2-0 lead. He lost his third game by two points but came back to defeat his opponent by four points in the fourth game, nabbing a 3-1 win. The rest of the team fell hard in
their matches, winning only four games in between the four players. The number one seed Captain Michael Huang '15 was one of the four Andover players that lost their matches 3-1. Despite the decisive score, Huang battled all match long. He lost his first game by two points, won his second game by two points, lost his third game by five and his fourth game by three points.
"Overall, our team played relatively well," said Huang. "Brooks is always a friendly and competitive team, so we were able to play without emotions being a huge factor. For me, I just tried to play smart, while sometimes hitting unorthodox shots. I knew my opponent was very strong, so I wasn't pressuring myself to win, but only to play my best." Number four seed Reid Bradt '15, number six Ishaan Patel '18 and number seven Addison Davenport '15 also fell. Patel's loss was his first loss in three matches. Andover was scheduled to playmatches against Nobles and St.Paul's last Saturday and Wednesday, respectively, but those matches were all cancelled due to inclement weather. With a 3-3 record, Andover pushes forward in its quest to repeat as High School Nationals champions. While this may be a daunting goal, the team remains optimistic and will bring this energy to its match against St. Paul's at home on Thursday.
Davenport said, "I think the team is starting to look like a team, the younger players are gaining experience and the ladder is beginning to properly reflect the order of talent. [Our upcoming match against] St. Paul's should give us a good sense of where we stand [for Nationals]."
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Boys Look to Defend National Title with Revamped Line-Up

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Michael Huang '15 will spearhead the Andover Boys line-up as it seeks to win a second straight title.

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Reigning Division III National Champions, Andover Boys Squash squashed Tabor with a 6-1 victory on Saturday.

The team opens this season attempting to carry over the power and skills that led it to an 8-9 Interscholastic record and Championship title last season. With the win against Tabor and a well-fought scrimmage against Belmont Hill, one of the top three teams in the country, the team has started the season on a strong note.

Second-year Captain and number-one player Michael Huang '15 is leading a relatively fresh-blooded team. Having graduated six Seniors last season, Andover has five returning players this year, including Huang.

Returners Ji Seok Kim '15, Justin Curtis '15, Robby Schwartz '15, Reid Bradt '15, who was abroad in an School Year Abroad China program last season, and Jack Quamme '16 are joined by Teddy Lasry '16 and Addison Davenport '15, who played on Junior Varsity last season, and two Juniors, Ishaan Patel '18 and Max Fern '18.

In Andover's match against Tabor, the first three seeds controlled their opponents, with first- and third-seed players, Huang and Bradt, shutting out Tabor 3-0. Second seed Curtis beat his opponent 3-1. Andover's fourth, fifth and sixth seed players, Quamme, Patel and Lasry, also had crushing 3-0 victories. Davenport lost his match in a 3-2 battle.

"I really like the team's flavor this year. Although some might say that our deep ladder is our biggest asset, I would argue that the players' positive, cooperative demeanors will help us succeed as the season progresses. We have a great group of guys with a strong collective game, and we're hopeful that our season will reflect the strong qualities we know we possess as a team," Schwartz wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*.

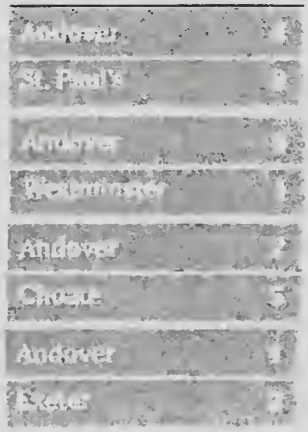
Newcomers had to step up to the challenge last season, when the team was plagued with injuries, to earn the team its national title. Similarly, the new talent this year is expected to boost the team's level.

"We have a few young guys who are doing well and adjusting to high school squash fairly well this early in the season," Quamme wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Andover will face off against Choate, Exeter and Taft away on January 10, looking to remain undefeated in regular season matches.

Andover Surges Above .500

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



After significant changes to the ladder, a rearranged Andover Boys Squash played four matches this past week. The changes did not appear to adversely affect the team, as it won two out of the three matches, bringing the team's record to 5-4.

This week marked the team's first week above .500 since the first week of the season.

The first match was played at home against St. Paul's. In the anchor match, Max Fern '18 remained unfazed after losing his second game and won his match 3-1.

Three other players on the team contributed to the win, with wins coming from number seven seed Ishaan Patel '18, number five seed Reid Bradt '15 and number two seed Captain Michael Huang '15.

Patel, after losing his first game, came back to win three straight games and won the match 3-1. Bradt also won his match 3-1, and Huang shut his opponent out 3-0. Number four seed Jack Quamme '16 and number six seed Robby Schwartz '15 both lost their matches 2-3, and new number one seed Justin Curtis lost his match 0-3.

With the momentum gained from the win against St. Paul's, Andover traveled to Choate on Saturday to play a doubleheader against Westminster and Choate. The first match played against Westminster was a solid 6-1 victory for Andover.

Head Coach Tom Hodgson wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Westminster was less strong, and we played good basic squash to control the outcome of that match." The only loss from that match was from Fern, who lost to his opponent 1-3.

The team did not fare as well in the following match against Choate. The team lost the match with a 2-5 score. The two wins came from Schwartz and Huang, who won their matches 3-2 and 3-0, respectively. Hodgson said that the Choate match proved to be a tougher match for the team, as only "two of the five matches we lost were quite close."

Schwartz said, "Our doubleheader against Choate and Westminster offered us a preview of Nationals, in which we're ranked as the number one seed in Division III. Choate proved to be a difficult opponent; they're ranked in Division II. We only won two matches of seven, but the majority of games played were competitive."

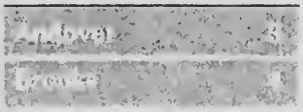
Andover headed into a Wednesday match against Exeter with momentum from its two prior victories.

"Exeter is seeded in Division II so we were out to test their mettle when they came to Andover," Schwartz said. Andover walked away with a 4-3 victory over its rivals to claim its third win of the week.

Andover heads to Connecticut this weekend for Nationals, to see, as Head Coach Hodgson said, "if we can bring home the [Division III] trophy at Nationals for the second year in a row."

Boys Miss Chance At Redemption

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Members of Andover Boys Squash laced up their shoes, stepped onto their home courts and prepared to face off against Brooks for the second time this season on Friday. Narrowly defeated by Brooks 3-4 on January 22, Andover hoped to redeem itself and rise to the top, but the team fell by the same score.

Andover's victories came from second seed Michael Huang '15, fifth seed Reid Bradt '15 and sixth seed Robby Schwartz '15. Huang defeated his opponent 3-1, Bradt swept his opponent 3-0 and Schwartz won a thrilling 3-2 match.

In the last match against Brooks, Schwartz was the eighth seed on the ladder and has since moved up to the sixth seed. He was not confident when he first stepped onto the court this time.

"I had gotten little sleep the night before our match," said Schwartz. "Also, the player I was matched up against had gone undefeated through [High School] Nationals and was running a near-perfect streak for the last month or so."

Schwartz struggled through the first game, falling 5-11. He rallied and won the second game 11-8 but lost the third again with a score of 5-11. Schwartz and his opponent battled for the fourth game. It was then that Schwartz implemented a new tactic that he had practiced.

"I tried testing my opponent in the air," said Schwartz. "I hit high, long balls that more looped in the back then screamed off the wall. [The balls were hit] high and soft in comparison to hard and straight before. It worked well. I was able to focus on getting the ball to the back wall, where it's more difficult for my opponent to use an attacking shot."

The tactic was so effective that Schwartz was able to edge out his opponent 12-10 in the fourth game. He then routed his opponent 11-3 in the fifth game to win the match 3-2.

Huang also controlled his match. Reflecting on his strategies, he said, "Against my opponent, I made sure to keep the ball deep but also throw in a few drop shots every once in a while to keep my opponent off guard."

Huang added, "[My opponent] was really quick, but by varying the pace of my shots and varying the shots themselves, I was able to keep him guessing on where I was going to hit next."

The losses in the match came from the first seed, third seed, fourth seed and seventh seed. All of the losses were 1-3 losses, in which the players lost the first two games, rallied for a third game win but came short on the fourth game.

First seed Justin Curtis '15 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I struggled to deal with the pace and creativity of [my opponent's] shot selection. It was frustrating to lose to Brooks 4-3 again, but I think that if we played them a third time, we could take them."

This optimism was shared by the team, especially with Interschols at the end of February quickly approaching. Andover now holds an 8-7 record including the wins and losses from High School Nationals.

Curtis said that Andover's results at Interschols will "depend on if [it gets] placed in Division A or B. Division A, which [Andover has] been in for the past two years, always provides challenging matches."

Head Coach Thomas Hodgson wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We are still waiting to hear what division we will be placed in. Odds are good we will qualify for the A group. The competition there will be tough, and we will take our matches in the seven individual draws one at a time, hoping to play better each time."

Andover's matches against Concord Academy on Friday and Exeter on Wednesday will serve as good preparation for Interschols.

Boys Fall to Exeter In Final Match

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	2
Exeter	5

Andover Boys Squash's first seed Justin Curtis '15 grasped the squash ball and wiped his hands on the glass surrounding the Exeter Squash courts on Wednesday. With a solid lead over his opponent, he hit a piercing serve, and with steadfast ball control, dominated the point and the match 3-0. The second seed Michael Huang '15 also shut out his Exeter opponent.

These two decisive wins marked the first time that the top two seeds both won of their matches since Andover's match against Westminster on February 1; however, these points couldn't carry the team to a win, as Andover fell 2-5.

This score mirrored Andover's loss to Phillips Exeter Academy last season, a disappointment that Andover did not want to repeat. The team walked into Wednesday's match looking to redeem its loss and grab a win heading into Interschols.

Curtis and Huang opened the match with aggression and precision.

"We were able to keep our opponents guessing and running," said Curtis.

The rest of the ladder, however, was unable to emulate Curtis and Huang's prowess.

Third seed Jack Quamme '16 and fourth seed Max Fern '18 both lost their matches 1-3.

The fifth seed, Reid Bradt '15, played and lost a close match. Losing the first game 5-11, he rallied to win the second game 11-2 and the third game 11-8. He lost the fourth game 9-11 and the fifth game 4-11.

Sixth and seventh seeds, Robby Schwartz '15 and Ishaan Patel '18 respectively, were both shut out in their matches.

As usual following a loss, the team's optimism was evident, especially coming from Head Coach Tom Hodgson. Hodgson wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "[The match was] a great finish for [Curtis] and [Huang], the two Seniors at the top of our ladder. Both showed skill, creativity and spirit. Other matches were hard fought, but inconsistent decision-making put us on the run in too many points. Exeter took the bigger share of the close games, a switch from our first encounter this season at home."

As this was the last regular season match, however, the team was still disappointed.

Schwartz said, "This [loss] was a tough one. The Seniors stuck around after the group huddle in realization that this was our last match against Exeter. But there's good news: we still have [Interschols] to redeem ourselves. We're going to be pitted against some pretty strong competition, as we're seeded in Division A, but we don't think our team is going to be a pushover.

The Interscholastic competitions will take place on February 27, 28 and March 1. Andover is placed in Division A, as it was last year, and looks to redeem its 16th place finish.

"We're planning on going out with a bang," Schwartz continued, "and there's no better place to do it than when it counts most: in front of the crowds and teammates at [Interschols]."

Sport: Girls Squash

Year: 2015

Captain: Madeleine Mayhew

Coach: Jennifer Elliott

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Burns, Hannah
Crowe, Emma
Kister, Laura
Lee, Jennifer
Mayhew, Madeleine
Oasis, Zoe
Price, Camille
Westerfield, Avery

Phillips Academy
Girls Varsity Squash
2015

Name	Year	Hometown
Burns, Hannah	2015	Upper Brookville, NY
Crowe, Emma	2015	Wayland, MA
Kister, Laura	2016	Kingston, NJ
Lee, Jennifer	2018	San Francisco, CA
MacWilliams, John	2015	Dover, MA
Mayhew, Madeleine *	2015	New York, NY
Oasis, Zoe	2017	Dover, MA
Price, Camille	2015	New York, NY
Westerfield, Avery	2018	Greenwich, CT

* Captain

Coach: Jenifer Elliott
Managers: John MacWilliams

Girls Squash
Schedule & Roster

Record: 11-5

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 6, 2014 at 3:00 PM	Scrimmage vs. Milton	A	N/A	
December 10, 2014 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Tabor	A	Win	7-0
December 13, 2014 at 12:00 PM	Game vs. Groton	A		
December 15, 2014 at 4:15 PM	Scrimmage vs. Brooks	H	N/A	
January 7, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Nobles	H	Win	4-3
January 10, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Win	5-2
January 14, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Winsor	H	Loss	1-6
January 17, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Taft and Loomis	H	W/L	Taft L 3-4, Loomis W 7-0
January 24, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	CXL	
January 28, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Groton	A	CXL	
January 31, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Middlesex	H	Win	7-0
February 4, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Loss	2-5
February 6, 2015 at 6:00 PM	High School Nationals		Loss	2-5 vs. Milton, 3-4 vs. Fingry
February 7, 2015 at 6:00 PM	High School Nationals		Win	6-1 vs. Groton
February 8, 2015 at 6:00 PM	High School Nationals		Win	4-3 vs. St. George's
February 13, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Brooks	H	Win	7-0
February 14, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	A	Win	7-0
February 20, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Groton	A	Win	5-2
February 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Milton and Choate	H	Loss	4-3 vs. Choate, 0-7 vs. Milton
February 25, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Win	7-0
February 28, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interscholastics			
March 1, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interscholastics			

GIRLS SQUASH

One Win and One Loss Stall Andover's Momentum

Andover Girls Varsity Squash's strong 6-1 victory over Choate this past week provided the team with healthy optimism heading into a showdown with powerhouse Winsor School on Wednesday. Ultimately, however, Winsor's experience, talent and depth was too much to handle in a 6-1 loss.

Against Choate, Captain and second seed Madeleine Mayhew '15, fifth seed Zoe Oasis '17 and seventh seed Avery Westerfield '18 swept their opponents 3-0, while third seed Hannah Burns '15, fourth seed Claire Kister '16 and sixth seed Jennifer Lee '18 rounded up the other wins. Top seed Camille Price '15 was Andover's only lost point.

"It's always tough to be on a bus for hours and come out prepared and energized. Thankfully, we had a great warm-up on the track and a lot of support in the crowd, which really helped," said Kister, who won her match 3-1.

The three quick sweeps were good confidence boosters for the players and encouraged the other players for their own matches. Mayhew won her games 12-10, 11-3 and 11-4.

Oasis stayed in control for most of the match, taking her sets 11-3, 13-11 and 11-6, while Westerfield turned in a dominant 11-1, 11-4 and 11-5 victory.

"Choate was a really good match. The team was in sync. Our mentality was that we thought we were going to win, and we really fed off of each other. As a team, we worked together, played together and fought really hard together," said Oasis.

Despite her best efforts, Price was swept by her opponent, but this minor setback didn't affect the rest of the team, a testament to the players' focus and determination.

Though she fell behind early, Burns took the final two sets, 11-4 and 11-5, to come out with a 3-2 victory in an exhausting five-set match. Lee won her match 3-2.

The large margin of victory over Choate gave Andover huge momentum, but its next opponent, Winsor, came into the match with a 5-2 record. All five of Winsor's wins had been 7-0 sweeps.

"Winsor has always been a really tough team for us to play, as they swept us last year. We still were very pumped and positive going into the match. Coming off of this loss, we are motivated to improve on our mental game. As a team, we do a good job of fighting hard, but I think we need to do it in an efficient way where we don't lose confidence in our ability and in ourselves," said Lee.

Oasis, after her sweep against Choate, moved up to fourth seed for the Winsor match and turned in a 3-0 sweep, good for Andover's only point of the day.

"Oasis had a great match. She knew her opponent and was very mentally strong and aggressive," said Kister.

Price, the top seed, Burns and Lee all fell 3-0, while Mayhew, Kister and Westerfield all lost 3-1.

Though the 6-1 loss was disappointing, the girls are optimistic about the experience they gained playing against a superior team, which will prepare them to play competitors like Deerfield and Groton.

"Each of our recent matches has enabled us to recognize our strengths and weaknesses both as a team and as individuals. As a team, we pride ourselves on our ability to support one another in a sport that is often considered individualized. I am confident that our hard work during practice will continue to pay off. This loss is not a setback; rather, it is an opportunity for us to realize that we can contend with any team and tailor our drills to bring us to the next level," said Price.

Andover will take the court next against Taft and Loomis in a three-team match on Saturday.

Zoe Oasis '17 swept both of her matches against Choate and Winsor

GIRLS SQUASH
Andover Aces its Way to 7-0 Sweep

With a precise serve, number one seed Camille Price '15 rounded out her Loomis Chaffee opponent in a motivating 3-0 victory, leading Andover Girls Squash to an impressive 7-0 sweep against Loomis after falling in a nail-biter 4-3 match against Taft at home on Saturday.

"This was the most competitive match we have played with Taft in years. I hope we get to see them again at U.S. High School Nationals when everyone is healthy," said Head Coach Jennifer Elliott.

Price said, "In my four years on the Girls Squash team, Taft has always proved a worthy opponent. Their team is deep and their technical skills are strong. We went into our Taft match knowing that our day would be long, as we were to face Loomis immediately afterwards."

Price played her best match of the season against Taft, closing out her opponent in a total of four sets.

"My opponent dominated in the first game, and some of my friends who were watching admitted that they thought she would dominate the rest of the match. In the second set, I did my best to move in front and use my volleys to take time away from my opponent. I aimed for the front and back corners, eliminating many loose balls from my game," said Price.

She continued, "This tactic proved effective, and, between subsequent games, [Elliott] encouraged me to not hold back and to trust my volleys and disguise my shots without the tenseness that can so often detract from the efficacy of a shot. I switched my mental game to approach each point like it was the sole point of the match, not thinking about the score or the next point."

Number five seed Claire Kister '16 kept the team's hopes alive against Taft with a tiring 3-1 win. Number six seed Jennifer Lee '18 then followed Kister's lead with another 3-1 win against her opponent.

Lee said, "Against Taft, we were all very excited because we know how closely matched our two teams are. Going into my own match, I really tried to focus on hitting my shots tight and deep along the side wall. I prepared well mentally, which helped me overcome my loss in the second game."

Captain Madeleine Mayhew '15 played through five sets as number two but ultimately lost 3-2.

Number seven seed Avery Westerfield '17 also played through an exhausting five sets, but her opponent ultimately slipped ahead to take the 3-2 lead. Number four Zoe Oasis '18 fell 3-0.

With the scoreboard tied 3-3, number three seed Hannah Burns '15 played a competitive four sets under intense pressure and was defeated by her opponent 3-1.

Price said, "While our team lost 3-4, we learned that we can most certainly contend with the teams who have often soundly beat us in the past. We have committed to training in the coming weeks [with a focus] on the weaknesses that became apparent in our Taft match."

Even though the final score against Taft was not in Andover's favor, the exciting match gave the players confidence that paved the way to a decisive sweep against Loomis.

Lee said, "It was so fun to have all of the teams on our home courts, and it made our team even more psyched to give the matches our all,"

Without a match on Wednesday, the team will utilize its extra practice time to prepare for what will be an exciting match against rival Exeter away on Saturday

Claire Kister '16 notched individual victories against both teams.

Girls Sweep Tabor Without Dropping a Set

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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ıdover Girls Squash shut out ›r 7-0 on Wednesday, bounc- back from a tough loss to a petitive Milton team in a nmage on Saturday.

ıe sound victory left the team ng more confident going in ıe rest of the season.

'he girls played clean, ag- sive and smart squash all the down the line. The match ·ided an excellent opportuni- ›r our team to shake off ner- ; energy, practice their short es and refine their depth," Head Coach Jennifer Elliott.

ıe team swept the score- 'd, each player winning 3-0 nst her opponent. Captain leine Mayhew '15 domi- d the court at top seed, win- 11-2 in the first game, 11-4 in second and 11-3 to finish the 1.

ımille Price '15, seeded sec- rallied her opponent 11-1, and 11-1, and Hannah Burns ıt third seed, finished off her ch 11-5, 11-2 and 11-1. The rest ıe players followed this lead, ing up victorious as well.

t was a nice way to start the ial season. It was a good con- nce booster before going into her matches this season. We ooking forward to the rest of season and hopefully this win ıe first of many," said Claire er '16.

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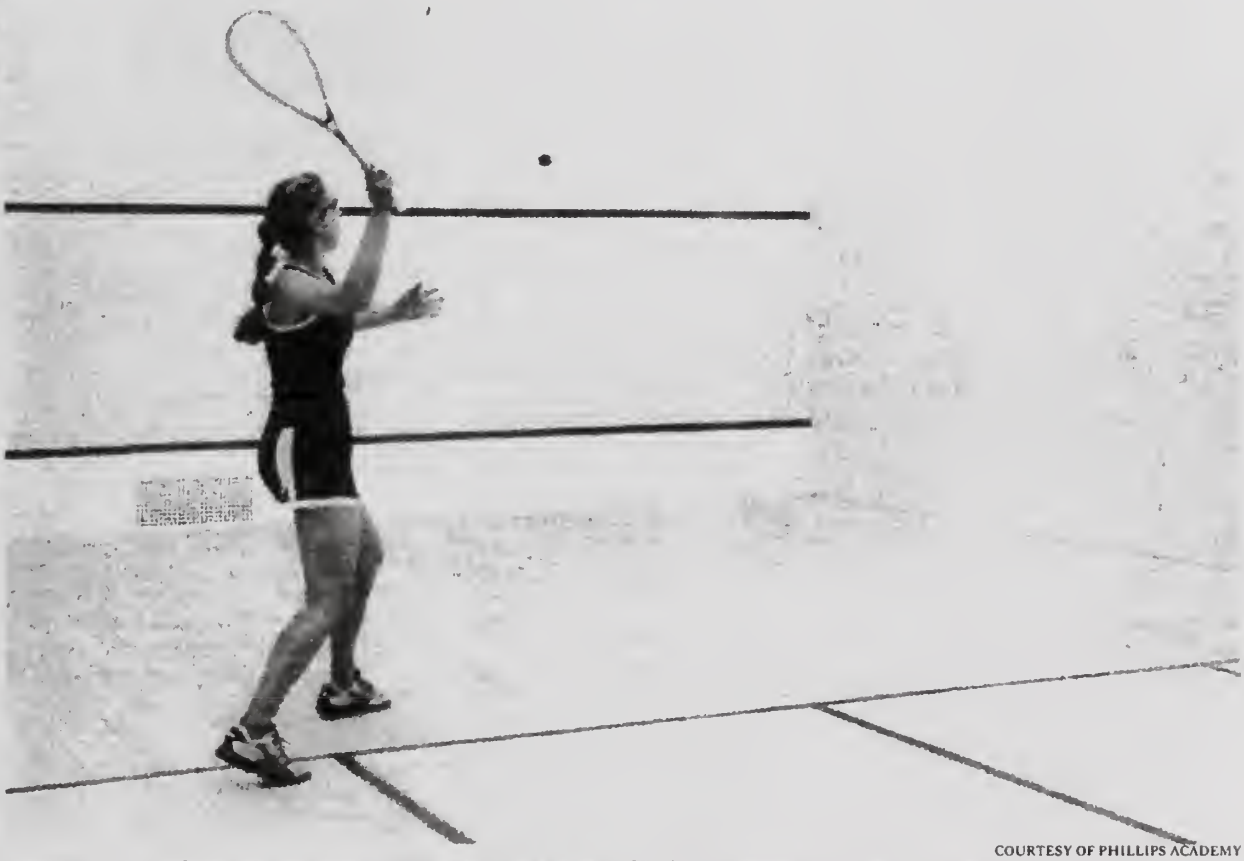

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Camille Price '15 defeated her opponent in three straight sets as part of Andover's resounding victory over Tabor.

hard '14 and Misha Hooda '14, the talented pool of returning players, with their impeccable dedication to each other and leadership that reaches beyond the squash courts, will undoubtedly bring the team to success.

Mayhew will be leading the team this winter for her second year as captain. Alongside Mayhew, returning players Price, Burns, Kister and Emma Crowe '15 will be taking the number two through five spots on the ladder to kick off the season.

"Our returning players are experienced, enthusiastic and aggressive, and we are so lucky to have the dedicated leadership of our Captain Mayhew," continued Elliott.

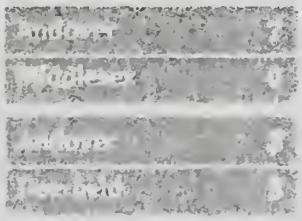
The team welcomes three new players, including two Juniors, to take the remaining spots on the ladder: Zoe Oasis '17, Avery Westerfield '18 and Jennifer Lee '18. The underclassmen show great potential, and, under the leadership of the returning players, they will be important assets to the Varsity team.

Andover has improved its record for the past five years now, and it hopes that this season will be no exception. Last year, the team won the 2014 US High School Division II Nationa Championships, rivaling some o the greatest high school teams i the nation. This season, the tean will strive to defend its title.

Andover will make its wa to Connecticut for a matchu against Groton this coming Sat urday, looking to build upon it upward momentum.

Girls Tune Up For Nationals

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Andover Girls Squash swept the scoreboard on Saturday, shutting out Middlesex with a momentous 7-0 victory. Against Deerfield, however, the team's final match before Division I National Championships took an unfortunate turn on Wednesday as Deerfield's experience and ability prevailed in a 5-2 loss for Andover.

"The win against Middlesex was definitely a confidence booster for the team. We were able to go into the match and completely dominate to come out with the victory. The team was focused mentally and hopefully we can bring that focus to Nationals this coming weekend," said fifth seed Claire Kister '16.

Captain Madeleine Mayhew '15, who played as the top seed, had a notable victory against her Middlesex opponent, dominating the court with a 3-0 victory. Mayhew was the only member of the team to round out her opponent in three games.

Heading into Deerfield, the team braced itself for a tough match as its fourth seed Hannah Burns '15 and sixth seed Emma Crowe '15 failed to compete due to illness. Playing as fourth seed, Kister ultimately defaulted in the fourth game.

Even though the team was down on numbers, Jennifer Lee '18, Avery Westerfield '18, and Susan Yun '17 all stepped up to the plate and played fifth through seventh seeds. The team beamed with pride at the determined performances by these three players who rose under pressure.

Yun rounded out her opponent in three easy sets, while Westerfield came out victorious in just four sets. Despite Lee's tenacity, she could not keep up with her opponent, losing 0-3.

"Going into my own match, I felt good about giving it my all. The first two games were not very close, but the third one was. I just had too many lost points that I needed to win back, so I unfortunately was not able to come up with a win," said Lee, who fought through her last set with a close 13-15 finish.

Third seed Zoe Oasis '17 said, "The team played [alright] considering the long bus ride and that everyone on the team has been sick recently. Deerfield is definitely beatable and I think that if we have our full team and everyone is healthy, we can win."

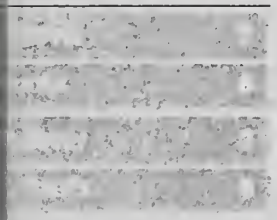
After its National Championship last year, Andover moved up to Division I Girls Squash. The team looks to carry its Division II success from last year into the National Championship Tournament this weekend at the 2015 U.S. Division I National Championships at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

"Everyone is looking forward to Nationals and proving to people that we can compete in the top division after winning the second division last year," said Oasis.

Lee said, "I am extremely excited to play at Nationals and see a lot of the teams that we normally don't see during the season. Since we're in Division I, we know that all of our matches are going to be really tough. We're still determined to play our hardest and I'm looking forward to a weekend of incredible squash."

Girls Dominate in Back to Back Shutouts

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



/ith Andover Girls Squash in h of a sweep against Brooks Friday, first seed and Captain leleine Mayhew '15 maintained is while perfectly executing a e that shut out her opponent decisive 7-0 match. Using the tive momentum from its win, over swept St. Paul's the next in another succesful 7-0 victo- he team now has an 8-3 record. ach player on Andover's roster onstrated tenacity on the court the weekend, with the team ectively losing only one game.

n Friday against Brooks, May- took the first game in her ch 11-9, 11-5 in the second and hed her opponent 11-4 in the l to win the match 3-0. Sec- seed Camille Price '15 won in 11-1 and 11-6, while third seed nah Burns '15 won the first games in 11-9 and 11-2 but lost is in the third game as her op- ent won 11-4. Burns did not let shake her confidence, though, he came right back to win the th game 11-3.

ewcomer Zoe Oasis '18 moved he ladder this week to play as fourth seed. Oasis performed well, winning the first game the second in an 11-0 sweep the third in 11-7 to beat her op- ent 3-0. Next, fifth seed Claire er '16 won in 11-4, 11-1 and 11-1. ior and sixth seed Emma Crowe von 12-10, 11-1, 11-3 and seventh l Jennifer Lee '18 in 11-2, 11-5 11-6.

We were really excited to go into match with all of our players py and well-rested, which was ething that held us back earlier in the season. As for my own match, I felt really confident about my shot selection and ball placement. It was a fun matchup and I was glad that our team came out with the win," said Lee.

The winning streak continued when the team trekked to St. Paul's on Saturday. Each Andover player won her respective match 3-0.

"Going into our St. Paul's match, we really wanted to build on the momentum we had previously established at Nationals. I felt really confident about my game going into the match, and I was really happy that this confidence was able to translate into the way that I performed," said Lee.

The team is looking to use its two wins as encouragement in its upcoming doubleheader Choate and Milton this weekend at home.

Earlier this season, Andover came out victorious 5-2 against Choate in a competitive match. However, Andover fell to Milton 5-2 last weekend at Nationals and hopes to avenge the loss this weekend.

Andover looks to finish its season on a strong note but has a tough string of matches in the near future. After its doubleheader this weekend, the team will face off against Exeter on Wednesday the 25th. The stakes are always high when the two rivals meet, and Andover hopes to come out victorious, following last year's 6-1 success.

The team will also compete in Interschols the weekend of February 28. Following success at Nationals, the players are confident in their abilities and will continue to work hard in the final matches of the regular season to prepare for Interschols.

"The ladder has changed so much from the beginning of the season, and I think that it shows how closely matched all the girls on the team are. We need to keep playing consistently and not lose focus. We're all hitting well now and we're looking forward to Interschols," said Oasis.

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Emma Crowe '15 shut out both of her opponents 3-0 this week.

Captain Madeleine Mayhew '15 led her team to two consecutive sweeps.

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Girls Finish Season With Sweep Over Exeter

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
Exeter	0

Fueled by the strong will to beat its rival Phillips Exeter Academy, Andover Girls Squash won its meet in a 7-0 sweep. Emotions ran high for Andover's Seniors – Madeleine Mayhew '15, Camille Price '15, Hannah Burns '15 and Emma Crowe '15 – during both their last Andover/Exeter and final competition on Andover's courts.

"I received an email a few nights ago from [Temba] Maqubela, a [former] teacher at Andover for over 30 years. He served many different roles on campus, and to me, he epitomizes Andover. In his email, he said the following: 'When I was at [Andover] I used to say just BE – where BE stood for Beat Exeter. BE!!!!' Right before our match, I told the entire team, Varsity, JV, JV2, to BE. To BE a winner, to BE present, to BE there, in the moment, and of course to BE in the literal sense. For me, and the three other Seniors, this was our last time to BE in every sense of the word. I would not have wanted it any other way," said Mayhew.

Earlier in the season, the scheduled matchup against Exeter was cancelled due to weather conditions, so this was the team's first chance to take on its rivals for the season. Each Andover player handily defeated her opponent, each capturing a 3-0 win. Mayhew, the team's Captain and first seed, kicked off the day shutting out her opponent 10-6 in the first game, 11-8 in the second and 10-9 in the third to take the game. Price, Andover's second seed, came out victorious in 11-3, 11-4 and 11-9, while Burns, third seed, finished easily in 11-5, 11-5 and 11-7. Crowe played as the seventh seed this week and won in 11-7 in the first set, 11-6 in the second and 11-5 in the third, respectively.

The rest of the team followed in this example. Fourth seed Claire Kister '15 closed out her opponent easily in 11-4, 11-5 and 11-2. Newcomers Zoe Oasis '18 and Jennifer Lee '18 moved up the ladder one spot and played Exeter's number five and six players, respectively. Oasis came out on top in 11-4, 11-4 11-2, and Lee in 11-3, 11-5 and 11-5.

Andover's victory this year mirrored its 6-1 win last year over Exeter.

The team had a bitter-sweet turn out in a tough double header on Saturday against Choate and Milton. Andover beat Choate 4-3 in a nail biting match, but fell short to the ambitious Milton team in a 0-7 upset.

Jennifer Lee '18 said, "Milton is a really strong team both up and down the ladder. Heading into our match, I think that we had some trouble with maintaining our focus. Overall, every player on our team fought hard, but it just wasn't enough to win the match."

On Tuesday, the team played Groton and won in 5-2. The team's record now stands at 10-5 for the season, stalling its five consecutive years of improvement, after last year's 14-4 record.

The team's Seniors inspired the team with their immense dedication and leadership throughout the entire season. Mayhew, Price, Burns and Crowe rose to the pressure that leadership entails and can be accounted for the amazing season.

Kister said, "It was great to win the final match of the season. Beating Exeter is always a confidence booster and it was a great practice for Interschols this coming weekend. This win was especially important for the seniors. I have been playing with [Price, Crowe, Burns, and Mayhew] for three full seasons and these girls are not only my teammates but my sisters. I am extremely proud of how well they played today and it was great to see them all finish their Andover squash careers with a win."

Head Coach Jennifer Elliott said, "The Seniors were outstanding leaders in their last matches. I was so proud of them. It was an awesome way to wrap up a really successful and special four-year run. [Mayhew, Crowe, Burns, and Price] are the heart and soul of this team."

Last season, the team competed at Interschols where it came out in seventh place out of 16 top teams. This weekend, Andover Girls Squash looks to finish its incredible season with a strong finish at Interschols.

Sport: Boys Swimming

Year: 2015

Captains: Marcello Rossi & Darren Ty

Coach: Jacques Hugon

Assist. Coach: David Gardner

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Alberga, Christian
Belluche, John
Choi, Thomas
Faulkner, Nicholas
Grottkau, Matthew
Kim, Won Woo
Li, Alexander
Li, Christopher
Li, Matthew
Liu, Felix
Najem, Michael
Orgul, Sarp
Rossi, Marcello
Smith, Nathaniel
Teo, Aaron
Tran, Daniel
Ty, Darren
Xue, Jonathan
Zhong, Richard

Philips Academy
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Roster 2015

Alberga, Christian	2017	Kingston , JAM
Belluche, John	2016	Andover, MA
Choi, Thomas	2016	Singapore, SGP
Faulkner, Nicholas	2016	Homer, AK
Grottkau, Matthew	2017	Reading, MA
Kim, Won Woo	2015	Seoul, KOR
Li, Alexander *	2015	Riverside, CT
Li, Christopher	2015	Riverside, CT
Li, Matthew	2018	Riverside, CT
Liu, Felix	2015	HKG
Najem, Michael	2016	Methuen, MA
Orgul, Sarp	2016	Marysville, WA
Rossi, Marcello	2016	Brussels, BEL
Smith, Nathaniel	2018	Reading, MA
Teo, Aaron *	2015	Singapore, SGP
Tran, Daniel	2017	Windham, NH
Ty, Darren	2016	North Andover, MA
Xue, Jonathan	2017	Andover, MA
Zhong, Richard	2017	Andover, MA

* Captains

Coaches: Jacques Hugon
Assistant Coach: Howie Kalter
Managers:

Boys Swimming
Schedule & Record

Record: 4-1-1

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM	Meet vs. Suffield and Peddie	A	Loss	A 84- S 101; A 60- P120
January 10, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Meet vs. Choate	A	Win	107-78
January 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Meet vs. Loomis	H	Win	118-65
January 24, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Meet vs. NMH	A	CXL	
January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Meet vs. Deerfield	H	Tie	93-93
February 14, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Meet vs. Hopkins	H	Win	112-66
February 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Meet vs. Exeter	H	Win	
March 4, 2015 at 9:00 PM	New England Championships	A		
March 7, 2015 at 9:00 PM	New England Championships	A	3rd Place in Division 1	

Boys Swim

Strong Showing at New England Championships for Big Blue
At Exeter on March 7, 2015 at 9:00 PM
Boys Varsity Swimming & Diving returns to the N.E. Championships to defend their title.

The boys mounted a spirited defense of their New England title at Exeter, finishing third with 314 points behind Deerfield (370 points), and falling just 6 points short of upsetting Suffield (320 points) for second place.

In the end, 13 of our 18 swimmers and divers competing made A- or B-finals (top 16), scoring points for the team. This number would really have been 15 of 18 athletes, except for a league rule that limits the number of finalists per team to 3 of its 4 possible entries for each event. And our 200 Medley relay made the cut for All-American honors!

200 Medley Relay

- A: 1:35.67, 3rd (Darren Ty '16, Aaron Teo '15, Alex Li '15, Christian Alberga '17), All-American Consideration
- B: 1:44.58, non-scoring (Matt Li '18, Jonathan Xue '17, Felix Liu '15, Chris Li '15)

200 Freestyle

- Marcello Rossi '16, 1:43.22 (P), 3rd
- Thomas Choi '16, 1:48.14, 12th
- Dan Tran '17, 1:54.13, 20th
- Richard Zhong '17, 1:54.66, 21st
- (P) time set in prelims

200 Individual Medley

- Aaron Teo '15, 1:56.25, 2nd
- Darren Ty '16, 1:56.97, 3rd
- Sarp Orgul '16, 2:02.35, 12th

50 Freestyle

- Christian Alberga '17, 22.04 (P), 7th
- Nick Faulkner '16, 23.18, 20th
- Michael Najem '16, 23.32, 21st
- Chris Li '15, 23.64, 29th

Diving

- Jack Belluche '16, 397.05, 2nd
- Matthew Grottkau '16, 274.35, 7th
- Robert Delaus '16, 265.25, 9th

100 Butterfly

- Darren Ty '16, 51.70 (P), 3rd
- Alex Li '15, 52.82 (P), 6th
- Sarp Orgul '16, 55.20 (P), 13th
- (*) Chris Li '15, 55.62 (P), 14th
- (*) not qualified for finals per league rule

100 Freestyle

- Christian Alberga '17, 47.50 (P), 5th
- Jonathan Xue '17, 50.24, 19th
- Nick Faulkner '17, 50.55, 20th
- Felix Liu '15, 51.25, 23rd

500 Freestyle

- Marcello Rossi '16, 4:47.99, 4th
- Thomas Choi '16, 4:59.68, 15th
- Dan Tran '17, 5:08.74, 18th

200 Freestyle Relay

- A: 1:30.78, 5th (Chris Li '15, Nick Faulkner '16, Thomas Choi '16, Marcello Rossi '16)
- B: 1:34.04, non-scoring (Felix Liu '15, Matt Li '18, Dan Tran '17, Sarp Orgul '16)

100 Backstroke

- Richard Zhong '17, 54.66 (P), 7th
- Nate Smith '18, 55.72, 8th
- Michael Najem '16, 56.23, 10th
- (*) Matt Li '18, 57.95, 15th

100 Breaststroke

- Aaron Teo '15, 58.14, 3rd
- Alex Li '15, 1:01.82 (P), 13th
- Jonathan Xue '17, 1:03.98 (P), 15th

400 Freestyle Relay

- A: 3:11.14, 4th (Marcello Rossi '16, Thomas Choi '16, Darren Ty '16, Christian Alberga '17)
- B: 3:24.68, non-scoring (Dan Tran '17, Sarp Orgul '16, Michael Najem '16, Nick Faulkner '16)

January 16, 2015

Boys Sink the Competition

With a crucial meet hanging in the balance against Choate on Saturday, Marcello Rossi '16, Thomas Choi '16 and Daniel Tran '17 swept the 400-Meter Freestyle and clinched the top three spots for Andover. This victory proved to be the turning point of the meet, as Andover went on to defeat Choate 107-78.

Heading into the meet with a record of 0-2, Andover was eager to claim its first win of the season.

"[Peddie and Suffield] were definitely tough losses, so I'd say the mentality going into Choate was that we wanted to go down there and prove that we are still a team to watch out for in New England," said Tran in an email to The Phillipian.

Andover started the meet with a striking win in the 200-Meter Medley relay, with the team of Richard Zhong '17, Co-Captains Aaron Teo '15 and Alex Li '15 and Christian Alberga '17 finishing in 1:53.45.

Teo continued his strong streak by winning the 200-Meter Individual Medley in 2:16.72, while Rossi dominated the 200-Meter Freestyle with a time of 2:00.33. At the diving break, Andover led Choate by ten points, 36-26.

Jack Belluche '16 won the diving event with 198.75 points. Afterwards, Darren Ty '16 and Li nabbed the two top spots for the 100-Meter Butterfly. Choate managed to secure several victories in events such as the 100-Meter Freestyle, 200-Meter Freestyle and the 100-Meter Backstroke to whittle down Andover's lead.

Teo and Ty broke Choate's winning streak by achieving first and second place, respectively, in the 100-Meter Breaststroke. In the final race of the day, Choate rallied to win the 400-Meter Freestyle relay. However, Andover's strong lead proved to be too much, and it walked away victorious, beating Choate by 29 points.

In an email to The Phillipian, Rossi wrote, "Choate is a tough opponent for Andover. Every year they get some very fast, new swimmers that surprise us. We were still able to maintain the lead with our new swimmers in the Classes of '18 and '17, who have been training really hard and performing very well."

Although Andover pulled off quite the convincing win, the team knows it still needs to improve to maintain a winning streak.

Citing endurance as an area to improve in, Tran said, "I think we have to improve on our conditioning so that we are able to finish our races aggressively. We have to strategize and plan our races so that we finish ahead of the pack."

One of Andover's strengths, on the other hand, has been the strong mental and emotional bond between the members.

"[I love] how close the team has become in a matter of two weeks. I feel close with all of the Juniors and Lowers on the team, and that team bond will really help build our confidence moving into the future. The team spirit we have and the support we exhibit for each other will make us perform well up until New Englands," said Rossi.

Looking to further improve its record Andover will host Loomis Chaffee on Saturday in its first home meet of the year.

Chris Li '15 helped Andover place first in the 200-Meter Medley relay

BOYS SWIMMING

Andover Laps Loomis Chaffee

In its first home meet of the season, Andover dismantled Loomis Chaffee 118-65 after winning every individual event and two of the three relays. The win brought Andover's record to 2-2 for the season.

Despite coming from a convincing win at Choate last weekend, Andover knew defeating Loomis would be a challenge.

In an email to The Phillipian, veteran Darren Ty '16 wrote, "After a week of tough practices, I believe we were ready to show off all our hard work. Being the first [home] meet of the season, we were ready to swim hard and give it our best. Loomis is a strong team, [as] they have a lot of depth in their line-up."

Andover triumphed in two relays — the 200-Yard Medley and the 400-Yard Freestyle. Co-Captains Aaron Teo '15 and Alex Li '15, Christian Alberga '17 and Ty won the medley in 1:39.10, while Marcello Rossi '16, Li, Teo and Alberga won the 400-Yard Freestyle.

Rossi continued his streak by clinching two individual wins in the 200-Yard Freestyle in 1:48.49 and the 500-Yard Freestyle in 4:56.05. Ty also won two events, the 200-Yard Individual Medley in 2:00.81 and 100-Yard Freestyle in 48.82. Alberga, Li and Teo continued to excel by winning the 50-Yard Freestyle in 22.21, the 100-Yard Fly in 54.56 and the Breaststroke in 1:00.97, respectively.

Jack Belluche '16 maintained his undefeated season-record in Diving with a score of 225.50. Richard Zhong '17 won the 100-Yard Backstroke in 58.00.

Along with a string of individual victories, some swimmers set personal records at the meet. Nick Faulkner '16 finished in 23.89 in the 50-Yard Freestyle Relay, and Ty finished in 48.82 in the 100-Yard Freestyle.

Daniel Tran '17 recorded personal bests in the 200-Yard Freestyle in 1:55.15 and the 500-Yard Freestyle in 5:13.01. Ty topped the depth chart in the 50-Yard Backstroke in 25.63. Nate Smith '18 improved in the same event with a time of 27.77, as well as in the 100-Yard Backstroke in 1:00.29. Matthew Grottkau '17 got his best Diving result this season with 166.40 points.

Faulkner wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "I think we are a very deep team with lots of talented swimmers in different events. Our relays were definitely a strong point because they demonstrate how deep we are. The fact that we had four different swimmers come first in [multiple] events is also huge."

While Andover physically dominates in the pool, the team's spirit and camaraderie continues to grow as the season goes on.

Ty said, "Being around mid-season, I think we are continuing to really come together as a team. I would say that, [by continuing this trend], we can really help each other improve a great deal by the time championships come by – both in and out of the pool."

Andover will travel to Northfield Mount Hermon this weekend to try to extend its winning streak to three games.

Marcello Rossi '16 had an integral role in Andover's first place 400-Yard Freestyle Relay performance.

Young Team Falls to Suffield and Peddie

L. XUAN/THE PHILLIPIAN

llo Rossi '16 is one of just nine returners from last year's championship team.

By Andrew Zhang
HILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Captain Alex Li '15 sped t place in the 100-Meter ainst Peddie with a time 40, just a few hundredths cond short of his person- ord. Alex Li's victory, one lover's only wins in a dual against Suffield and Ped- as not enough to push er Boys Swimming to victory on Saturday. Andover lost 84-101 to last year's championship runner-up Suffield and 60-120 to perennial powerhouse Peddie, its first loss in the regular season in five years.

Last year, Andover clinched the 2014 New England Prep School Conference (NEPSAC) Championships, boasting a 6-1 record in the regular season. The loss of ten key Seniors has taken a major toll on the team's experience already.

"Since we lost ten members of our 19-man team, our goal is to prove to New England that we are still at an elite level despite our losses. We all believe that we can win again this year, and we have been working extra hard to reach this goal," said Christian Alberga '17.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Richard Zhong '17 wrote, "[Last year,] we were able to focus on self-improvement thanks to the Seniors who guaranteed us a win every dual meet. So now it's just getting your hand to the wall first."

Many swimmers joined the team this year to compensate for the Senior losses from last season. These newcomers include Nathaniel Smith '18, Matthew Li '18, Daniel Tran '17, Nick Faulkner '16, Sarp Orgul '16, Michael Najem '16 and Felix Liu '15.

The revamped team struggled against Suffield and Peddie, starting the season with an 0-2 overall record and an 0-1 conference record. Peddie is not in the NEPSAC.

"[We have to] improve with more and more practice, since people are not at their best at the beginning of the season. We hope that once March comes around, we'll be back at the top," said Zhong.

The team defeated Suffield both in the regular season and in the NEPSAC tournament last year, but it fell short this time despite their strong performances.

Jonathan Xue '17 said, "We underestimated Suffield. They came out extremely motivated since we beat them last year. This is going to continue throughout the season. We have a target on our backs."

Christian Alberga '17 won the 100-Meter Freestyle in 48:74, giving Andover its first individual victory of the meet. The team of Darren Ty '16, Marcello Rossi '16, Chris Li '15 and Alberga took second place in the 200-Meter Freestyle relay with a time of 1:30:60, while Co-Captain Aaron Teo '15 snatche third place against Peddie i the 100-Meter Breaststroke an finished before all of Suffield.

Only managing to secure few victories, Andover foun Peddie to be a more difficul opponent than Suffield. Alon with Alex Li's success, Alber ga emerged victorious again i Freestyle, this time winning th 50-Meter Freestyle in 22:02. I addition, Jack Belluche '16 wo diving outright, with a score o 170.85.

"There were many positive to take away from the meet. W posted some good times for th first meet of the season, an the team dynamic is excellent We will continue to work har to push for the championship, wrote Teo in an email to *Th Phillipian*.

Andover will travel to Choat for its next meet on January 1C hoping to grab its first win o the season.

L. XUAN/THE PHILLIPIAN

An early loss exposed Andover's inexperience in big meets.

Andover Splashes to a Draw Against Deerfield

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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a nail-biting meet filled with ex-nent and controversy, Andover Swimming tied Deerfield 93-93 a Deerfield relay team was dis-ified in the final race of the day. tie brought Andover's league re- to 2-1-1.

eerfield, a perennial power-se, has proved to be one of Ando- toughest opponents this season. ddition to competing against a lenging team, Andover had many nmers who were unable to com- due to injury and illness. The n, however, was undaunted and healthy swimmers compensated he shortage of other teammates.

n the final event, the 400-Yard estyle Relay, Andover led by two nts. Head Coach Jacques Hugon ided to split Andover's fastest mmers into two separate teams nsure consistent second and third e victories, instead of a single -place win.

he tactic failed when Deerfield ched first and third place, seem- y winning the meet. The officials, vever, reviewed the race and spot- a false start on Deerfield's third e team, leading to its disqualifica- . Andover then received second l third place by default, securing tie.

We were the obvious underdogs, Coach [Hugon] told us to just go and have fun. We were not as ng as we could have been due to ny illnesses but we were still de-mined. I personally like being the derdog and use it to motivate me l to push myself to the limit." said urner Christian Alberga '17 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

The meet started off with a narrow loss for Andover in the 200-Yard Medley, as the team of Darren Ty '16, Aaron Teo '15, Alex Li '15 and Chris Li '15 missed out on first place by only 0.26 seconds with a time of 1:39.55.

Marcello Rossi '16 and Richard Zhong '17 then took second and third respectively in the 200-Yard Freestyle. At this point, Andover had not claimed first place in any events, and trailed 29-17. Alberga then turned the meet around with Andover's first and last individual win of the day in the 50-Yard Freestyle with a time of 22.44.

Jack Belluche '16 swept the diving event, continuing his season-long undefeated streak with an impressive score of 249. The victory clinched crucial points for Andover and kept the score tight at 43-39.

Andover racked up a few more second and third place wins as the meet went on, but its finest performance came in the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay. The team grabbed both first and third place, as Alex Li, Ty, Rossi, and Alberga won in 1:30.64 and Nick Faulkner '16, Sarp Orgul '16, Felix Liu '15 and Michael Najem '16 won in 1:37.08.

Commenting on the rest of the season and preparation for the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) tournament, Najem wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Right now we have about two more weeks of intense, hard work in practice before the last two dual meets against Hopkins and Exeter to close out our regular season. Then, we are going to start tapering (resting and gradually decreasing workload and practice) in preparation for New England's."

Andover will welcome Hopkins this weekend to continue its journey to the championship.

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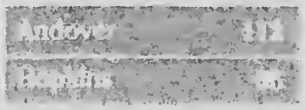
Jack Belluche '16 holds a season-long undefeated streak for Andover Diving.

Andover Tops Hopkins Despite Spate of Injuries

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Although plagued by illness and injury, Andover Boys Swimming refused to back down and swept Hopkins 112-66 on Saturday. The resounding victory brought the team's record for the season to 3-2-1.

With many team members missing, several swimmers had to opportunity to step up and challenge themselves with different events. A few swimmers were also called up from the Junior Varsity team, such as Nate Cruz Walma '18 and Paul Kinard '15.

Cruz Walma and Kinard got off to good starts, helping Co-Captain Aaron Teo '15 and Won Woo Kim '15 win the 200-Meter Medley Relay with a time of 1:47.93. Later in the meet, Cruz Walma, Kinard, Nick Faulkner '16 and Marcello Rossi '16 won the 200-Meter Relay Freestyle in 1:34.46

Rossi also nabbed Andover's first individual victory by winning the 200-Meter Freestyle in 1:48.22, and later won again in the 100-Meter Freestyle with a time of 49.14.

Just before the diving break, Jonathan Xue '17 won the 50-Meter Freestyle by just three one-hundredths of a second in 23.97. Richard Zhong '17 then won first place in the 200-Meter Individual Medley in 2:11.26.

Jack Belluche '16 continued his impressive undefeated streak in diving this season, winning the event with a score of 196.90 points. Robert Delaus '16 and Matthew Grottkau '17 both notched high scores, coming in at 167.75 points and 145.90 points, respectively.

Darren Ty '16 further stretched Andover's lead by winning the 100-Meter Butterfly in 53.65 immediately after the break. Andover then seized the top three places in the 100-Yard Backstroke, with Nate Smith '18 taking the win in 58.66 ahead of Michael Najem '16 in 1:01.66 and Felix Liu '15 in 1:01.90.

Reflecting on the meet, Xue said, "Hopkins is a weaker team in the league, so we took this meet more as like a dress rehearsal against Exeter. We're more focused on Exeter, because they're one of the best teams in our league. Hopkins gave us the opportunity to shake out any loose ends and make sure everyone is at their best."

Xue continued, "We've had a lot of injuries this season, so our depth chart has always been rather weak. However, we should have a complete roster heading into this weekend so we're pretty confident [about Exeter]."

Commenting on the remainder of the season, Head Coach Jacques Hugon wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "The Exeter meet that heralds the end of the dual meet season is a week away, and the traditional taper to the New England Championships is just around the corner. At this stage of the season, swimmers start thinking about which events they will swim at the championships, and/or try different events in which they want to race at least once in the season... I believe we are getting healthy just in time to finish on a strong note."

Andover welcomes its perennial rival Exeter on Saturday to cap off the 2014-2015 regular season.

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Andover will face Exeter in the season's final meet.

Boys Top Exeter in Final Meet

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Exeter	78

Capping off the final home meet of its Andover career, Andover Boys Swimming's Seniors received roses and congratulations before triumphing over their Phillips Exeter Academy rivals in a thrilling 108-78 victory.

The win continued Andover's ten-year winning streak against their competitors in the North. The team's Seniors had never lost to Exeter before, but there were still some nerves heading into the contest.

"Exeter has always been a strong team in the league. However, for the past ten years, we have been able to come out on top in the meets. After losing ten Seniors last year, it was a challenging season. Having not lost to Exeter in the past decade, there was definitely some pressure going into this meet as we wanted to maintain our record against them," wrote Co-Captain Aaron Teo '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Nonetheless, Andover shook off the nerves and claimed a satisfying victory, allowing the Seniors to end their final meet in Andover's pool on a positive note.

Felix Liu '15 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "This season has been amazing. Everybody worked incredibly hard for the last swim meet. We thought the meet would be close, but our hard work paid off and we smoked them."

Exeter jumped out to its first and only lead of the meet with a victory in the 200-Yard Medley Relay, giving it a 10-4 edge. Andover countered with a resounding victory in the 200-Yard Freestyle to tie the score up, as Marcello Rossi '16 won in 1:46.38, while Thomas Choi '16 finished in 1:51.44 and Daniel Tran '17 in 1:54.74 to take third and fourth place, respectively.

Darren Ty '16 then gave Andover its first lead of the day, winning the 200-Yard Individual Medley in 1:59.19. Christian Alberga '17 clinched first place in the 50-Yard Freestyle in 22.40, and the two teams were tied 31-31 going into the diving event.

JWOLFE/ *THE PHILLIPIAN*
Co-Captain Aaron Teo '15 won the 100-Yard Breaststroke by a nose.

Jack Belluche '16 wrapped up his season-long undefeated streak as a diver, with a season-best score of 261.60 points, while Robert Delaus '16 took third and Matthew Grottkau '17 took fifth. The divers put Andover ahead 41-37.

After swimming resumed, Alberga and Ty stretched Andover's lead to 61-49, nabbing first and second place in the 100-Yard Freestyle in 48.66 and 49.09, respectively. By this point, the meet was leaning heavily in Andover's favor.

The team of Chris Li '15, Ty, Rossi and Alberga won the 200-Yard Freestyle relay in 1:30.15. Richard Zhong '17 then edged out two Exeter swimmers for first place in the 100-Yard Backstroke, beating the second-place swimmer by one-tenth of a second with a time of 56.52.

Teo continued the trend of breathtaking victories by winning the 100-Yard Breaststroke in 1:00.92, beating Exeter's swimmer by eight one-hundredths of a second. This was the final nail in the coffin to Exeter, as Andover held an insurmountable 98-74 lead with only one event to go.

Rossi, Choi, Ty and Alberga won the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay in 3:20.18 to cap off Andover's resounding 108-78 victory.

Chris Li wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "For some reason, I'm still twiddling my thumbs out of astonishment. To have my Andover career end with a decade of domination versus Exeter puts the cherry on top of a great season. Although we lost probably the greatest class in Andover swimming history [the class of '14], we've been working harder than ever to get to this point of success; we're not resting on our laurels, and we plan to give it all we have come New Englands."

Commenting on his final season at Andover, Teo said, "This season has definitely been an emotional one, knowing that my swimming career at Andover is coming to an end. However, with that in mind, it certainly motivates me to do my absolute best for Andover. Being able [a] Co-Captain [of] the swim team along with Alex Li '15 in our final year in the school is definitely an honor and has left us with many unforgettable memories."

Andover Boys Swimming looks to defend its title at the NEPSAC Division I Championships starting on March 8.

Sport: Girls Swimming

Year: 2015

Captain: Elizabeth Duserick & Sasha Newton

Coach: Paul Murphy

Assist. Coach: Catherine Carter

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Al-Mayahi, Sarah
An, Miranda
Chatson, Emma
Donchi, Emma
Duserick, Elizabeth
Farmer, Juliette
Gearan, Jessica
Im, Claire
Liu, Evelyn
Newton, Sasha
Nix, Sabine
Park, Kaylyn
Radebold, Rebecca
Ren, Qiqi
Sambuco, Sloane
Sweetser, Katherine
Teo, Ashley
Ty, Allyson
Wei, Gwyneth
Wu, Yifei
Xia, Kelly
Zhao, Sarah

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Roster 2015

Al-Mayahi, Sarah	2017	Lynnfield, MA
An, Miranda	2015	North Andover, MA
Chatson, Emma	2018	North Andover, MA
Donchi, Emma	2018	Portland, OR
Duserick, Elizabeth *	2016	Arlington, MA
Farmer, Juliette	2018	Orleans, MA
Gearan, Jessica	2018	Lynnfield, MA
Im, Claire *	2015	Seoul, KOR
Liu, Evelyn	2015	HKG
Newton, Sasha	2016	Lafayette, CA
Nix, Sabine	2016	Katonah, NY
Park, Kaylyn	2017	Bloomington, IN
Radebold, Rebecca	2018	Guilford, CT
Ren, Qiqi	2015	Portland, OR
Sambuco, Sloane	2016	Palm Beach, FL
Sweetser, Katherine	2017	North Andover, MA
Teo, Ashley	2017	Singapore, SG
Ty, Allyson	2018	North Andover, MA
Wei, Gwyneth	2017	Hong Kong
Wu, Yifei	2017	New York, NY
Xia, Kelly	2015	Weston, MA
Zhao, Sarah	2018	Guilford, CT

* Captains

Coach: Paul Murphy
Assistant Coach: Catherine Carter, Amy Shoemaker
Managers:

Girls Swimming
Schedule & Record

Record: 4-3-0

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM	Meet vs. Suffield and Peddie			
January 10, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Meet vs. Choate	A	Loss	87-91
January 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Meet vs. Loomis	H	Win	103-80
January 24, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Meet vs. NMH	A	CXL	
January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Meet vs. Deerfield	H	Win	105-80
February 14, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Meet vs. Hopkins	H	Win	104-72
February 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Meet vs. Exeter	H	Win	107-78
March 7, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interschols			
March 8, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interschols			

Girls Swim
Season bests piling up
At home on January 17, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Home opener WIN!

We hosted Loomis today at the Andover Pool! A spirited meet ended with the team's first win of the season! 103-80.
Right out of the gate, we went 1-2 in the medley relay. The team of Emma Donchi '18, Ally Ty '18, Elizabeth Duserick '16 and Miranda An '15 won the event with a time of 1:54.69. Coming in second, Jess Gearan '18, Yifei Wu '17, Sarah Zhao '18 and Juliette Farmer '18 swam 1:57.51
Katherine Sweetser '17 won the 200 free with a time of 2:01.42. Gearan placed third with 2:04.21 and Sasha Newton '16 placed fourth with 2:06.61.
In the 200 IM, Donchi came in a close second with a time of 2:15.52, Ashley Teo '17 was third with 2:24.13 and Qiqi Ren '15 placed fourth with 2:25.69
Ty won the 50 free with a time of 25.34, while Farmer came in fourth with 26.79, and Rebecca Radebold '18 was fifth at 28.10.
In the diving, novice diver Tessa Igler '18 placed third with a score of 183.68
Zhao won the 100 fly with a time of 1:03 while Teo was second with 1:05.17 and Kaylyn Park '17 was fourth with a time of 1:07.18
In the 100 free, Sweetser was first with a time of 56.25, Farmer was third with a time of 57.57 and Soubie Im '15 was fifth with a time of 1:00.59.
In the 500, An came in a very close second place to Loomis with a time of 5:27.64. Newton was fourth with a time of 5:48.45 and Kay Xia, our hero of the day, placed fifth with a time of 6:20.88.
Andover went 1-3 in the 200 free relay! The team of Duserick, Gearan, An and Sweetser swam 1:43.25 while the team of Newton, Sloane Sambuco '16, Zhao and Ren swam 1:47.81.
Ty and Donchi placed first and second in the 100 back with times of 59.69 and 1:02.48. Emma Chatson '18 had her season debut in the event with a time of 1:12.39.
In the breaststoke, Wu was first with a time of 1:14.24 and Duserick was third with a time of 1:15.99.
In the last event, Andover finished 1-3. The team of Ty, Gearan, Sweetser, and An swam 3:46.17 while Newton, Zhao, Donchi and Farmer swam 3:53.13.
The team record stands at 1-3-0 for the start of the season. We are psyched to keep working hard each day! Year XLII still awesome!

Up next, we travel to NMH on Saturday, January 24 at 4:00pm.

Big Blue rolled over Big Green
At home on January 31, 2015 at 4:00 PM
Season Bests aflowing!

We hosted Deerfield today at the Andover Pool! A spirited meet ended with the team's second win of the season! 105-80.
(starred times are season bests)

The day was marked by some very close swims – and this was the case in the medley relay. The team of Emma Donchi '18, Yifei Wu '17, Elizabeth Duserick '16 and Miranda An '15 won with a time of 1:55.11. Deerfield was second with 1:55.64!
Katherine Sweetser '17 and An went 1-2 in the 200 free with 2:00.50* and 2:02.28 respectively. Sasha Newton '16 was fourth with a time of 2:07.96
Donchi was first in the 200 IM with a time of 2:17.92 and Ashley Teo '17 was fourth with a time of 2:22.99*. Qiqi Ren '15 was sixth with 2:25.03*.
Ally Ty '18 won the 50 free with a time of 25.00 while Sloane Sambuco '16 was fourth with 27.29* and Kaylyn Park '17 was sixth with 27.90*.

In the diving, Tessa Igler '18 was fourth with a score of 171.52.

In the 100 fly, Duserick and Sarah Zhao '18 went 1-2 with times of 1:02.83* and 1:03.19*. Gwyneth Wei '18 was fifth with 1:04.78*.
Jess Gearan '18 won the 100 free with a time of 55.89* and Sweetser was second with 56.10*. Newton was fourth with 56.81*
An won the 500 with a time of 5:21.96* (second was 5:22.04!), while Teo went third with a time of 5:39.97* and Evelyn Liu '15 was sixth with 6:08.31*.
Duserick, Gearan, Sweetser and Ty won the 200 free relay with a time of 1:42.85!
In the 100 backstroke, Donchi was touched out by the Deerfield swimmer by .18 sec to take second at 1:01.43*. Gearan was third with 1:02.87* and Wei was fourth with 1:03.89*.
Ty won the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:08.95* and Wu was third with 1:14.55. Duserick was fifth with 1:16.00.
Donchi, Sweetser, Ty and An won the final event, the 400 free with a great time of 3:48.08.
The team record stands at 2-3-0 for the season. We are psyched to keep working hard each day! Year XLII still awesome!

Up next, we host Hopkins on Saturday, February 14 at 1:00pm.

Strong swims all around
At home on February 14, 2015 at 12:00 PM
Big Day for Big Blue!

We hosted Hopkins today at the Andover Pool on Valentine's Day! A spirited meet ended with the team's third win of the season! 104-72. As I write, we are having our fourth major snowstorm of the winter – second blizzard. Heading up to more than 70 inches of snow since Jan 27!
(starred times are season bests)

Hopkins was strong in the 200 medley relay – Andover came in second and third. The team of Emma Donchi '18, Yifei Wu '17, Elizabeth Duserick '16 and Miranda An '15 swam a quick 1:57.21 while Jess Gearan '18, Gwyneth Wei '18, Sarah Zhao '18 and Juliette Farmer '18 came in third with 1:59.37.
Our depth this year served us very well all day. We went first in 5 events, but often went 2-3-4 in those that we did not win.
In the 200 free, we went 2-3-4. Sasha Newton '16 was second 2:07.09; Zhao was third 2:10.01*; Ashley Teo was fourth 2:11.90*
In the 200 IM, another 2-3-4 finish. Donchi went 2:18.07, Katherine Sweetser went 2:23.81*, and Wei went 2:24.99*
In the 50 free, An won with a time of 26.28*, Farmer came in second with a time of 26.63* and Sloane Sambuco '16 was fourth with 27.46.
We had no divers while Hopkins had one.
In the 100 fly, Sweetser won with a time of 1:00.77. Duserick was second with a time of 1:02.84. Zhao was fourth with a time of 1:03.87.
In the 100 free, we were again 2-3-4. An was 55.36*, Gearan was 55.61*, and Sambuco was 1:00.80*
In the 500, Teo was second with a time of 5:43.96. Newton was fourth with a time of 5:51.51.
The 200 free relay came up big for Big Blue! 1-2-4. Farmer, Duserick, Sweetser, An went 1:46.17. Teo, Qiqi Ren '15, Sambuco and Newton swam 1:49.71.
In the 100 back, Gearan, Donchi and Wei went 1-2-3! Times were 1:01.19*, 1:02.64, and 1:04.22.
In the 100 breast, Wu won with a time of 1:13.90*. Duserick was third with a time of 1:16.59 and Ren was fifth with 1:17.88.
Hopkins came roaring back and won the 400 free relay. We were second and third. The team of Sweetser, Donchi, Newton and Gearan swam 3:48.63 and the team of Im, Zhao, Sambuco and Farmer swam 4:03.06.

The team record stands at 3-3-0 for the season.

Up next, we host Exeter on Saturday, February 21 at 2:00pm
Big Blue Victorious!
At home on February 21, 2015 at 2:00 PM
Season bests roll on!

We hosted Exeter today at the Andover Pool. A meet which looked like it would be very close ended up with a decisive win for our very deep squad. 107-78 was the final score.
(starred times are season bests)

Winning the first of three relays, the team of Allyson Ty '18, Yifei Wu '17, Elizabeth Duserick '16 and Emma Donchi '18 swam a fast 1:56.05. Third place went to Jess Gearan '18, Gwyneth Wei '18, Sarah Zhao '18 and Juliette Farmer '18 (go class of 2018!) with a time of 1:58.84.
Three season bests were posted in the 200 free! Miranda An '15 won with a time of 1:59.87*. Katherine Sweetser '17 was third with a time of 2:00.42* and Sasha Newton '16 was fourth with a time of 2:05.61*.
Donchi won the 200 IM with a time of 2:16.94 while Ashley Teo '17 was fourth with 2:22.11* and Wei was fifth with 2:23.92*.
Ty won the 50 with a time of 25.08. Rebecca Radebold '18 was fifth with a season best of 27.35* and Sloane Sambuco '16 was sixth with 27.51.
In the diving, our lone diver and hero of the day was Emilie Eldracher '18 who placed fourth with a score of 136.45.
Duserick WON THE FLY! Time: 1:02.48*. Sarah Zhao '18 was second (1:03.40) and Wei was fourth (1:04.36*)
Gearan placed second in the 100 free with a time of 55.29* and Sweetser was third (56.22) and Newton was fifth (56.89)
An taunted her competition in the 500 and then pulled ahead to win in a time of 5:24.23. Teo was third (5:39.96) and Evelyn Liu '15 was sixth with a season best time of 6:03.39*.
A 1-3 finish in the 200 free relay began to seal the deal. Sweetser, An, Farmer and Ty swam 1:41.31 while Newton, Zhao, Qiqi Ren '15 and Duserick swam 1:46.26.
Donchi and Gearan went 1-2 in the backstroke with times of 1:01.49 and 1:02.01 while Soubie Im '15 swam a season best 1:06.89* to place sixth.
Ty won the breaststroke with a time of 1:09.73. Wu was third (1:14.22) and Ren was fourth (1:15.52*). Rebecca Radebold '18 (1:18.97*), Emma Chatson '18 (1:18.26*), Sabine Nix '16 (1:21.18*) and Sarah Al-Mayahi '17 (1:21.34) also swam exhibition swims.
A decisive win in the 400 free relay by the team of Duserick, Gearan, Sweetser and An (3:43.32) insured the victory for the day.
The team record stands at 4-3-0 for the season.
Up next, we will travel to Exeter on March 7 and 8th for the Division 1 New England Championships. Prelims on Saturday begin at 12:00 noon. Finals on Sunday begin at 12:00 noon as well.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Girls Flounder Against the Current

After a long hiatus from the pool, Andover Girls Swimming struggled to keep up with Choate in its first meet after Winter Break, falling in a close 91-87 contest. "Some of us on the team did not get to train as much over break, so we're still trying to get back into shape," wrote Qiqi Ren '15 in an email to The Phillipian.

While the disheartening loss dropped Andover to 0-3 on the season, the close margin of defeat has motivated the girls to work harder in practice this week in preparation for its next meet against Loomis Chaffee.

Newcomer Katherine Sweetser '17 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "[We're] looking to do some good strength work in the pool this week to keep building endurance. [We're] also looking to focus on the little things, like [turning] walls and [swimming] underwater. These are the first things to go [away] when you get tired, so it is important to think about these in practice and make good habits."

Sweetser and her teammates have their sights set on being the best.

Sweetser said, "I am hoping to drop time in the 200-Meter Freestyle, 100-Meter Freestyle and the 100-Meter Butterfly by the end of the season, and I want the girls to get best times too. One of my personal goals is to try to get the school record in the [100-Meter] Butterfly, currently held by Amy Zhao '14."

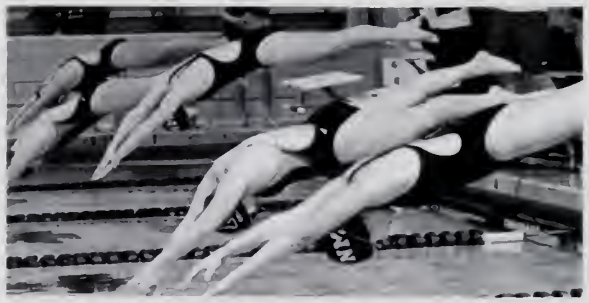
At the meet this weekend, Sweetser swam a 1:07.43, taking first-place in the butterfly event. She also placed second in the 200-Meter Freestyle with a time of 2:16.13. Sweetser led the team with ten individual points, not including the points she contributed in relays.

In the medley relay, Andover missed out on first place by only 14 milliseconds.

With high hopes for this weekend against Loomis Chaffee, Co-Captain Elizabeth Duserick '16 wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "I hope we can find a win against Loomis this weekend. We're capable, and it would be really good for the team's momentum."

Andover's divers are still working hard to be ready for competition – thus far, Andover has not been able to qualify for the diving events. Once the divers master at least six different dives in practice, they can contribute points to Andover's overall Swimming & Diving total.

Andover will face Loomis at home on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The team hopes that its extensive work in practice on small details, as well as optimism from the Choate meet, will propel the girls to their first victory.



Andover drew closer to victory against Choate, only losing by four points. Contributions from divers in the future should help the team.

GIRLS SWIMMING
Girls Nab First Win of the Season

After consistent improvement in each of its first three meets, Andover Girls Swimming secured its first win of the season against Loomis Chaffee last Saturday, winning 103-80. The win improved Andover's record to 1-3.

In an email to The Phillipian, newcomer Emma Donchi '18 wrote, "I think that what allowed us to win this meet was our greater sense of unity as a team. We have been working really hard during practice over the past week and have gotten to know each other better, not only as swimmers but also as friends."

Andover got off to a quick start, taking both first and second in the 200-Yard Medley and earning a total of 12 points. Miranda An '15, Co-Captain Elizabeth Duserick '16, Allyson Ty '18 and Donchi made up the team that placed first, while an all-newcomer team of Yifei Wu '17, Jess Gearan '18, Sarah Zhao '18 and Juliette Farmer '18 placed second.

The two Andover teams finished at 1:54.69 and 1:57.51.

Returner Katherine Sweetser '17, a top-performing swimmer at Andover this season, had two first place finishes in the 100- and 200-Yard Freestyle. Her victories helped Andover take first place in the Team Relay. In total, she contributed 12 points to Andover's team score. Sweetser swam a 56.25 in the 100-Yard and a 2:01.42 200-Yard, both of which were personal season records.

In an email to The Phillipian, Sweetser wrote, "I think a win was what we needed. We know what we can do, and we know what we can work to achieve. We will continue to push ourselves and support one another in the pool and outside of the pool."

In addition to the strong performance from the swimmers, Andover diver Tessa Ingler '18 competed in a meet for the first time this season. Ingler added three points to Andover's final score with a third-place finish in the One-Yard Dive.

Co-Captains Soubie Im '15 and Duserick have been critical in motivating the girls and allowing the new girls to feel as if they are a part of the team.

Gearan, who is in her first year at Andover, wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "Our Captains are supportive and encouraging. They push us to set high goals and to achieve them by working hard at practice. Being new to the team was not stressful at all. All the girls were so welcoming and made me feel a part of the team immediately."

This week during practice, the girls focused on smaller details and improving endurance, which will hopefully help catapult Andover to the top of the league.

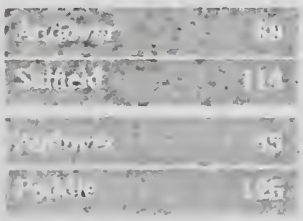
In an email to The Phillipian, veteran Qiqi Ren '15 wrote, "We will be training throughout the week for the meet against Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH), so we don't have to worry about tapering [off] at the end of the week. Given the improvement from meet to meet, I think we are on a good trend, and everyone is getting back in the swing of things. We just have to stay focused and [keep up] our positive energy."

Andover Girls Swimming races next at NMH this Saturday.

Kaylyn Park '17 swims the 100-Yard Butterfly

Opening Losses Serve as Title Motivation

By Laura Bilal
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Struggling to make up for the graduation of last year's Seniors, Andover Girls Swimming fell short in its season opener this weekend against Suffield and Peddie.

The team consists of very few returners and suffered from a lack of practice time compared to its opponents.

Suffield and Peddie are also some of the strongest competition Andover will face all season.

"It is very early in our season.... Losing this early in the season will only help to motivate us and keep us focused," wrote Qiqi Ren '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Co-Captain Elizabeth Duserick '16 added in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I hope that our loss on Saturday pushed the team to work hard right from the beginning of the season so that we'll be ready when we meet Suffield again at New England's."

Andover's 200-Yard Medley opened the meet with a time of 1:55.13 to place fourth. The relay consisted of Allyson Ty '18 swimming backstroke with a 27.56 split, Yifei Wu '18 swimming breaststroke with a 33.45 split, Katherine Sweetser '17 swimming butterfly with a 27.44 split and Duserick swimming freestyle the final leg with a 26.68 split.

The relay team of Duserick, Jessica Gearan '18, Sweetser and Miranda An '15 finished in fourth place in the 200-Yard Freestyle relay with a time of 1:47.67.

In the 100-Yard Butterfly, Sweetser finished in second with a time of 1:01.16.

Ty swam the 50-Yard Freestyle in 24.98, landing her in third place behind two swimmers from Peddie. Ty also competed in the 100-Yard Backstroke to finish second with a time of 59.54.

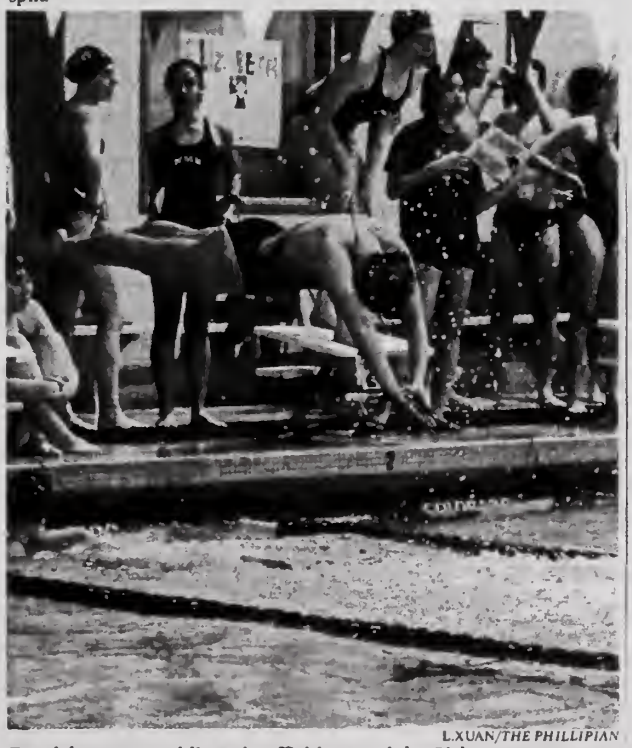
"From my [swimming,] I can tell that I need to train more and improve on my stroke technique. I am so grateful for the experience I was able to have at the meet. It was one of the first real team bonding moments," Ty wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*.

She continued, "As a [Junior] I feel very welcomed by the team. I have made a lot of new friends from the team. The older swimmers are very supportive and encouraging. When I swim, they cheer me on and help me think on the positive side of things. They always bring so much spirit when we practice and when we meet as a team for an event."

Despite opening the season with a loss, Andover hopes to avenge its second place finish last year at New England's with a title this year as New England Champions.

Ren wrote, "Our most obvious end of the season goal is to win New England's. It has been several years since Andover Girls Swimming has managed this, but since we have so many strong newcomers, we have a good chance."

Andover will look to win its first meet of the season on January 10 against Choate.



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Tough losses to Peddie and Suffield marred the Girls' season opener.

Girls Glide to Convincing Victory

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Sarah Al-Mayahi '17 powers her way through the water in the breaststroke.

By Laura Bilal
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After toppling Loomis Chaffee two weeks ago, Andover Girls Swimming went on to defeat Deerfield 105-80 for its second win of the season. The team's second win in as many meets elevated its record to 2-3 at the midpoint of the season.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Athlete of the Week Sloane Sambuco '16 wrote, "We knew Deerfield was going to be a tough team to beat, but we were ready. We have been training hard and we had a lot of positive energy that Saturday."

Sambuco earned Athlete of the Week due to her stellar performance in Saturday's meet, where she set personal records in the 50-Meter Freestyle Relay, and 100-Meter Freestyle Relay and finished in fourth place in the 50-Meter Freestyle.

Andover got off to a quick start by winning first place in the 200-Meter Medley Relay, one of the team's strongest events. Andover finished with a time of 1:55.11 in the relay, which was slightly slower than its previous time of 1:54.69.

Katherine Sweetser '17 took first and second place finishes in her individual events and was also part of two first-place relay teams. She contributed a total of 26 points against Deerfield.

Sweetser wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Going off this win our girls can continue to build confidence and get excited as we approach the rest of our season."

Andover gained several first place finishes during the meet, which amounted to a substantial portion of the team's 105 points. In total, it gained 66 points from first place finishes alone, placing first in ten events: the 200-Yard Medley Relay, 200-Yard Freestyle, 200-Yard Individual Medley, 50-Yard Freestyle, 100-Yard Butterfly, 100-Yard Freestyle, 500-Yard Freestyle, 200-Yard Freestyle relay, 100-Yard Backstroke, and the 400-Yard Freestyle Relay.

Newcomer Emma Donchi '18, who came in second place in the 200-Yard Individual Medley against Loomis, finished in first place against Deerfield.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Donchi wrote, "I think we were able to win this meet because we have been working really hard during practice and have come together as a team. It also helped that the meet was at home – we got really excited beforehand."

Tessa Igler '18, the team's only diver at the moment, earned fourth place and earned the team two points. She competed in the one meter dive and had a score of 171.52.

The team will continue to practice hard in preparation for its next meet. In regards to the team's practice regimen, Sambuco said, "Everyday is a surprise! Usually Coach [Paul] Murphy has an 'intensity day' (short distance, sprinting) and a day [in which] we work on distance training or strokes. We can always count on 'lactic acid build-up Wednesdays.' As a team, we are looking towards the New England Championship. We all hope to drop our times and maybe even take home the trophy."

The team looks to continue its progress at its next meet against Hopkins. Sweetser said, "We hope to carry out this momentum by continuing to work hard in practice and encourage each other every day."

Andover will prepare to make a splash on February 14 at home against Hopkins.

Girls Swim Laps Around Hopkins

By Laura Bilal
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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/ith momentum on its side n its last few wins, Andover s Swimming came out with rgy and determination, lap- g Hopkins 104-72 at home Saturday. This win raises the n's record to 3-3 going into the l stretch of the season.

fter having no meet last week, team was able to practice e, leading to decisive results.

ırah Al-Mayahi '17 wrote in email to *The Phillipian*, "A lot eople got personal best times. win was a reflection of the l work we've been putting in ıntil this point."

any of the girls were able to e together and contribute to success of the team this week-

iqi Ren '15 wrote in an email to *Phillipian*, "In general, each of as gotten more focused in our ning. During practice, we're e event-specific and mostly w what we need to work on at point. As a team, our strengths are our depth and the versatility of some individual swimmers."

Throughout the season, Andover's relay teams have been consistently strong, grabbing points for the team early in the meet.

The first event of the meet was the 200-Yard Medley Relay. Andover placed second and third, gaining a total of six points.

Jess Gearan '18 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Being on a relay is one of my favorite parts about swimming. It is much different than an individual event, because your teammates are right behind the blocks, getting you ready until the second you dive into the water. Swimming in a relay with my teammates got me very excited at the meet this weekend."

Emma Donchi '18 said, "Over the weekend, our team was really strong during the relays. Our swimmers are fast individually, and when they were together as a team, we are even faster."

Andover Girls Swimming had five first place finishes, which added 32 points to the team's total, notably less than the team's ten first places finishes at its last meet.

The team placed first in the 50-Yard Freestyle, the 100-Yard Butterfly, the 200-Yard Freestyle Relay, the 100-Yard Backstroke and the 100-Yard Breaststroke.

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Captain Elizabeth Duserick '16 raced across the pool in the 100-Yard Butterfly.

Gearan, who won the 100-Yard Backstroke, said, "I have improved on focusing on swimming for the team, and getting in the mindset of scoring points to win as a team."

Andover Girls Swimming has a challenging few meets ahead. Building off its upward momentum from the rest of its season will be an important factor in success.

Returning swimmer Katherine Sweetser '17 wrote in *The Phillipian*, "We have had a good season so far. We have our last dual meet against Exeter next weekend, and two weeks later are the New England Championships. We will really put in the work over these last few weeks to carry us forward to have a great final stretch."

The girls will be looking to s some personal records and see t team's practice pay off.

Ren said, "We are at the heig of our training. We will likely s much more impressive perfo mances in the last few weeks."

Andover will hit the pool ne against Exeter for its last hor meet on February 21.

Ten First-Place Finishes Lift Girls Over Exeter

by Laura Bilal
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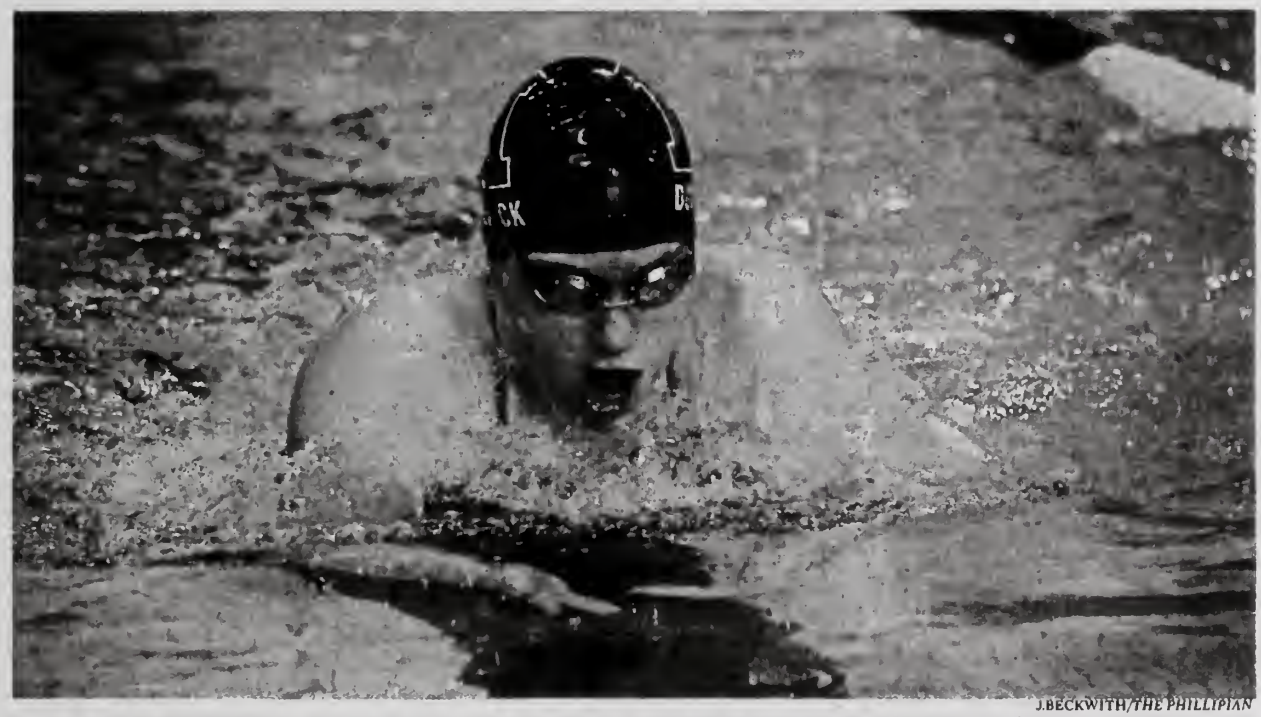

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Co-Captain Elizabeth Duserick '16 was part of the 200-Yard Medley Relay team that placed first for Andover.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Wu wrote, "My strength was my breaststroke, especially in the 200-Yard Medley Relay. The girl from Exeter was very fast and she was my main challenge in the relay, to not lose the lead."

Another pivotal moment in the meet was the 500-Yard Freestyle. Miranda An '15 and her competitor were head-to-head the whole race up until the end when she was able to accelerate and beat out Exeter to the wall with a time of 1:59.87, her best of the season.

The growing confidence within the team as it lapped Exeter empowered individuals to swim even faster in their respective heats.

Jess Gearan '18 in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I was confident that our team could work together and beat Exeter. Exeter did have some very fast sprinters, so it was a challenge to race them. The whole team is super excited that we beat Exeter, so we are full [of] energy and ready to swim our fastest at New Englands." One of the challenges that the team faced was its lack of divers in comparison to Exeter. Competing for Andover was the lone diver, Emilie Eldracher '18, who dove for a fourth place score of 136.45.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, fellow teammate and swimmer Juliette Farmer '18 wrote, "Having fewer divers than Exeter was definitely a challenge, but we managed to overcome it to win the meet."

The team will face a tough stretch ahead. Even though its regular season is over, Andover will have to prepare to race against some of its toughest opponents in the weeks to come.

Duserick said, "Now we know that Suffield and Choate are going to be our biggest competitors at New Englands."

The team is motivated to work even harder after its winning streak and avenge its prior losses to Suffield and Choate.

Andover will race next at Exeter on March 7 and 8 for the Division I New England Championships.

Sport: Boys Indoor Track

Year: 2015

Captain: Andrew Wang

Coach: Corbin Lang

Assist. Coach: Rebecca Hession

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Assamongkol, Rawit
Belser, Noah
Bishop, Sebastian
Brigden, Ryan
Brown, Ethan
Bulens, Timothy
Chavez, Diego
Ciccia, Alessandro
Cruz, Christian
DiAdamo, Nicholas
Feeny, Daniel
Francis, John
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Goldberg, Dustin
Goldthwaite, Nathan
Gorton, John
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Jiang, Alexander
Kochakian, Nicholas
Mackall, Gray
Marino, Giacomo
Onabanjo, David
Ortiz, Andrew
Paleologos, Arthur
Pena, Joel Anthony
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Woo, Harim
Wu, John
Xiao, Terrence
Zaeder, Jeffrey
Zhang, Benjamin

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Alfaro, Basil	2018	Charleston, SC
Anderson, Thayer	2015	Andover, MA
Assamongkol, Rawit	2018	Bangkok, THA
Belser, Noah	2016	State College, PA
Bishop, Sebastian	2017	Andover, MA
Brigden, Ryan	2015	Menlo Park, CA
Brown, Ethan	2017	Bethel, CT
Bulens, Timothy	2015	Norwell, MA
Chavez, Diego	2016	College Point, NY
Ciccia, Alessandro	2018	Andover, MA
Cruz, Christian	2016	Dorchester, MA
DiAdamo, Nicholas	2015	North Andover, MA
Feeny, Daniel	2015	Woodside, CA
Francis, John	2018	Hopkinton, MA
Freeland, Devontae	2015	Piscataway, NJ
Godo-Solo, Dakoury	2017	Andover, MA
Goldberg, Dustin	2016	Port Monmouth, NJ
Goldthwaite, Nathan	2018	Andover, MA
Gorton, John *	2015	New York, NY
Harris, Miles	2016	Astoria, NY
Hartemink, Edward	2017	Katy, TX
Ira, Richard Satoshi	2016	Stamford, CT
Isenhower, John	2016	Burke, VA
Jackson, Ian	2016	Chapel Hill, NC
Jiang, Alexander	2015	Houston, TX
Kochakian, Nicholas	2015	North Andover, MA
Mackall, Gray	2015	Santa Barbara, CA
Marino, Giacomo	2018	Durham, NC
Onabanjo, David	2018	Bronx, NY
Ortiz, Andrew	2018	Fresh Meadows, NY
Paleologos, Arthur	2017	Lynnfield, MA
Pena, Joel Anthony	2016	Princeton, NJ
Pierce, Isaac	2016	Newburyport, MA
Rabines, Roberto	2016	Topsfield, MA
Robert, BrianPaul	2016	North Reading, MA
Salitre, Andy	2018	Santa Ana, CA
Skinner, Ralph	2016	Lowell, MA
Skrivanos, Nikolas	2017	North Andover, MA
Stronov, Glib	2016	UKR
Tobin, Sam	2018	Ridgefield, CT
Wang, Andrew	2018	Thousand Oaks, CA
Wang, Andrew	2016	Houston, TX
Ward, Noah	2017	North Hampton, NH
Williamson, Justin	2016	Naperville, IL
Woo, Harim	2015	Kyunggi-Do, KOR
Wu, John	2017	Tokyo, JPN
Xiao, Terrence	2016	Beijing, CHN
Zaeder, Jeffrey	2018	Andover, MA
Zhang, Benjamin	2017	Andover, MA

Coach: Corbin Lang

Assistant Coach: Karin Knudson, Rachael Asher, Ben DuClos,
Emma Staffaroni, Annabelle Hicks, Laura Lowry, Julianne McDonough
Managers: Esha Bansal, Tien Vo

Boys Indoor Track
Schedule & Record

Record: 3-2-0

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 12, 2014 at 4:45 PM	Meet vs. Governor's and Wilbraham	H	Win	55-44-5
January 14, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Meet vs. Governor's and Wilbraham	H	Win	Andover 59, Wilbraham 57, Governor's 6
January 21, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Meet vs. Andover High and Wilbraham	H	Loss	Andover 40, Wilbraham 52, Andover High 37
January 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM	GBTC Invitational	A		
February 4, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Meet vs. Governor's, Hyde-Woodstock and Wilbraham	H	Win	Andover 60.5, Wilbraham 59.5, Hyde-Woodstock 5, Governor's 4
February 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Meet vs. Exeter	H	Loss	

Sport: Girls Indoor Track

Year: 2015

Captain: Camille Little

Coach: Corbin Lang

Assist. Coach: Rebecca Hession

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Abedi, Roya
Barrow, Nigle
Chan, Yuji
Dlesk, Nicole
Dolan, Angela
Du, Anlan
Espinosa, Cindy
Gangi, Taryn
Hagemeyer, Hannah
Holder, Sidney
Houle-Dupont, Alexandra
Huang, Jenny
Humes, Alana
Jarvis, Charlie
John-Lewis, Taryn
Kramer, Anna
Laurentano, Julianna
Lee, Ho Eun
Lefft, Alexis
Lin, Samantha
Little, Camille
Lucas, Pulane
Marsh, Deyana
Morrissey, Julia
Naranjo, Cassandra
Naranjo, Victoria
Rademacher, Grace
Schmidt, Mikayla
Shehadeh, Anoush
Shipley, Caroline
Swain, Krystiana
Tao, Meghan
Yost, Kinsey

Girls Indoor Track
Schedule & Record

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January 14, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Meet vs. Governor's and Wilbraham	H	Win	Andover 57, Governor's 44, Wilbraham 20
January 21, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Meet vs. Andover High and Wilbraham	H	Win	Andover 65, Andover High 51, Wilbraham 12
January 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM	GBTC Invitational	A		
February 4, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Meet vs. Governor's, Hyde-Woodstock and Wilbraham	H	Win	Andover 62, Governor's: 48, Wilbraham 20, Hyde-Woodstock 0
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Phillips Academy
Girls Indoor Track
Roster 2015

Name	Year	Hometown
Abedi, Roya	2017	Irvine, CA
Bansal, Esha	2015	Indialantic, FL
Barrow, Nigle	2018	Raleigh, NC
Chan, Yuji	2018	Makati, Metro Manila 1231,
Dlesk, Nicole	2017	Andover, MA
Dolan, Angela	2016	Andover, MA
Du, Anlan	2018	Denver, CO
Espinosa, Cindy	2018	Hillsborough, NJ
Gangi, Taryn	2016	Methuen, MA
Hagemeyer, Hannah	2015	37083 Gottingen, DEU
Holder, Sidney	2017	West Orange, NJ
Houle-Dupont, Alexandra	2015	Montreal, QC CAN
Huang, Jenny	2016	Leawood, KS
Humes, Alana	2015	Beaconsfield, QC CAN
Jarvis, Charlie	2015	Watertown, MA
John-Lewis, Taryn	2018	Lawrenceville, GA
Kramer, Anna	2016	Bedford Hills, NY
Laurentano, Julianna	2018	Lynnfield, MA
Lee, Ho Eun	2016	137-814 Seoul, KOR
Lefft, Alexis	2016	Lake Wylie, SC
Lin, Samantha	2016	Scarsdale, NY
Little, Camille	2016	West Bloomfield, MI
Lucas, Pulane	2018	Richmond, VA
Marsh, Deyana	2017	Middleton, MA
Morrissey, Julia	2018	Groveland, MA
Naranjo, Cassandra	2015	Santa Clarita, CA
Naranjo, Victoria	2015	Santa Clarita, CA
Rademacher, Grace	2018	Wellesley, MA
Schmidt, Mikayla	2017	Tyngsboro, MA
Shehadeh, Anoush	2015	Larchmont, NY
Shipley, Caroline	2016	Andover, MA
Swain, Krystiana	2018	Haverhill, MA
Tao, Meghan	2015	Andover, MA
Trautmann, Franziska	2016	Carencro, LA
Vo, Tien	2016	Hanoi, VNM
Yost, Kinsey	2015	Lake Oswego, OR
Zhang, Sharon	2016	Portland, OR
Zhang, Sophie	2017	Andover, MA
Zhang, Wendy	2017	Andover, MA

Coach: Corbin Lang

Assistant Coach: Karin Knudson, Rachael Asher, Ben DuClos, Emma Staffaroni, Annabelle Hicks, Matthew Hession, Laura Lowry, Julianne McDonough

Managers

Talented Group of Underclassmen To Drive Championship Efforts

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Camille Little '16 will look to build on her record-breaking 2013-14 season this year.

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Despite falling to Exeter at the end of last season, ending with a .500 record and graduating many Senior leaders, Andover Indoor Track is jumping into the winter season with optimism.

Captain John Gorton '15 is filling big shoes following the graduation of last year's Co-Captains Jonathan Arone '14 and Matt Fischetti '14.

"Fischetti dominated Hurdles and High Jump, and Arone always gave his all in the 50. Filling those spots is going to be challenging, but I have no doubt the team will rise to the occasion," wrote Christian Cruz '16 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

The capable underclassmen will be called upon to carry the team forward this season after the graduation of the former Seniors. Despite the lack of seniority, many returners are confident in the leadership of Gorton, a reliable distance runner who has made large improvements over his four-year Indoor Track career.

Andover's toughest opponent will once again be Exeter. Despite a season's worth of training and intense preparations, Andover did not emerge victorious last year. Boys Track is confident in its ability to seek vengeance from its rivals this year.

"Nothing makes me more excited than the prospect of continued growth over a long period of time. I want the athletes on my team to be focused on becoming faster and stronger than they have ever been before," wrote Gorton in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Cruz added, "Though it will be difficult, that has only ever made us work harder. Having a tough season ahead of us has never stopped us before."

Girls Track has similar expectations for the season and the meet against Exeter. Last year Andover defeated Exeter by only a single point with a victory in the 4x400-Meter Relay.

"Every year it is a nail biter, but I am confident we will be able to 'Wreck the Ex' again!" said Kinsey Yost '15.

The 4x400-Meter Relay is one of Girls Track's greatest strengths. Last year, Yost, former Captain Diana Tchadi '14, current Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 and Shanice Pimentel '14 produced successful results throughout the season.

Tchadi brought a lot of energy to the team as a Captain and a Senior leader. She dominated in the hurdles, another one of Andover's stronger events. Jarvis, her successor, is Andover's best runner in the 4x440-Meter Relay.

The team will look to continue its success in the long jump. "In most meets we will sweep the top three ranks," said Yost.

Girls Track has talent across all events, including the 300- and 50-Yard Dash. Camille Little '16 is one of Andover's prominent runners and currently holds the Girls Indoor Class Record for the 50-Yard Dash at 6.52 seconds.

Overall, the team's new additions are expected to step up to fill the holes that last year's Seniors left behind.

"There are lots of new faces of determination this season, and we have all been working hard in order to start the season off on a good foot," said Alana Humes '15.

Both Girls and Boys Indoor Track will kick start their season with a meet against Governor's and Wilbraham & Monson Academy on Friday.

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Newcomers Impress as Boys Take First and Girls Take Second

With only one lap left, Ralph Skinner '16 raced ahead of a runner from Wilbraham and Monson Academy to clinch first place in the mile with a time of 4.50.87. Captain John Gorton '15, who also overtook the Wilbraham Monson runner in the final seconds, turned in a 4.52.90 second-place finish.

The two runners helped secure a win for Andover Boys Track in its first meet against Governor's and Wilbraham Monson on December 12.

After only a week of training, the team performed remarkably well, finishing in first place above Wilbraham Monson and Governor's with a 55-44-5 win.

"Our team was exceptionally strong in the distance and sprinting events. [With] only one week of training under [our] belts, we were able to defeat two opposing teams, both of whom have beaten us in the recent past," wrote Gorton in an email to The Phillipian.

In the 50-yard dash, Ian Jackson '16 set a personal record time of 6.02 seconds and secured first place. Jackson's 50-yard dash performance was critical to Andover's success. "I had a little bit of fire in me under all the jitters — I really wanted to win," said Jackson.

Andover had many more strong performances as well. Noah Ward '17 took first place in the shot put, the team seized second place in both the 300-yard dash and 600-yard dash and Will Hartemink '17, Andrew Wang '16 and Sebastian Bishop '17 dominated the two-mile.

Many of Andover's younger runners had successes as well, including David Onabanjo '18. In his first season of Indoor Track, Onabanjo finished third in the 300-yard dash with a time of 37.1 seconds.

Andover Girls Track, however, could not pull out a victory. The loss ended the team's hopes of another undefeated season. Andover fell 53-46 to Governor's but defeated Wilbraham Monson.

Camille Little '16, returning for her third season, took first place in both the 50- and 300-yard dash. Little clocked 6.4 seconds for the 50-yard dash, which is one of her signature races. Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 took second place in both races, close behind Little. Jarvis also finished in second place for the Long Jump.

Anoush Shehadeh '15 and Grace Rademacher '18 finished the two-mile race together, tying for first place in 12:49. Alexis Lefft '16 secured first place for Andover in the shot put.

"We have a lot of new talent, especially in the [Junior] class. They blew the returners away with their energy, poise and their willingness to give their all for this meet," wrote Sidney Holder '17 in an email to the Phillipian.

Jarvis added, "The first meet of the year is always exciting, because it's an opportunity for everybody to try out events and start to gauge what types of skills we need to work on for the rest of the season. The team seems very strong, and I have no doubt that we will have a great season."

Andover Indoor Track will face Governor's and Wilbraham Monson again next Wednesday.

Alana Humes '15 clears the high jump bar with ease.

INDOORTRACK

John Gorton '15 and Camille Little '16 Spearhead Success for Andover

In the last two laps of the one-mile race, Captain John Gorton '15 sprinted in front of a Wilbraham and Monson Academy runner and secured first place for Andover Boys Track with a time of 4.54.05. The points from the first place finish proved to be crucial as Andover went on to win by just two points 59-57-6 over Wilbraham on Wednesday. The win pushed the Boys to a 2-0 record, while the Girls placed first over Wilbraham and Governor's to improve its record to 1-1.

For the boys, Gorton also had success in the two-mile race, finishing in second place behind Ralph Skinner '16. Skinner, who held the lead throughout the entirety of the race, finished with a time of 10:59.

The victories achieved in the long distance races were mirrored in the short distance events as well. Ian Jackson '16 clinched first place in the 50-yard dash again with a time of 6.03 seconds, just shy of his personal record of 6.02.

"My favorite thing about the 50-yard dash is that it's quick, and you give [it all] you've got for just a short amount of time," said Jackson.

One of the most impressive events for the team was the 1000-yard dash. Between Nathan Goldthwaite '18, Noah Belser '16, Brian Paul Robert '16 and John Wu '17, Andover swept the top four spots and earned 11 points.

Andover Girls Track earned a comfortable 57-44-20 victory over both Wilbraham and Governor's after coming in second place to Governor's last meet.

Grace Rademacher '18 once again claimed the one-mile race with a time of 5.30. Rademacher finished 23 seconds ahead of her nearest competitor. She has been Andover Girls Track's most dominant distance runner this season along with Anoush Shehadeh '15. Shehadeh placed first in the two-mile race with a time of 11.54.51.

Rademacher wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "There is so much support from everyone when you are racing, especially races that are ten plus laps. The atmosphere in the cage during a meet is always so exciting because of the encouragement from your teammates. We lost to Governor's last time we raced them, so beating them this time was pretty exciting."

Just as she did in Andover's last meet against Wilbraham and Governer's, Camille Little '16 took first place in the 50and 300-yard dashes with times of 6.57 and 41.2 seconds, respectively.

Captain Charlie Jarvis '15, Kinsey Yost '15, Meghan Tao '15 and Deyana Marsh '17 ran the 4x400 race and came in second with a time of 4.36.44.

In the field events, Sidney Holder '17 snatched second place in the long jump. Holder set a personal record for herself with a distance of 16'1".

In the shot put, Alexis Leftt '16 claimed first place with a throw of 28'5".

The team performed well across the board. Jarvis wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "We came in to the meet with a lot more confidence. We had some amazing performances, especially by some underclassmen who are beginning to find their stride. Our win at this meet just serves to prove how much depth and strength we have as a team this year."

The team will face Wilbraham and Andover High School next Wednesday with hopes to continue its winning streak.

Co-Captain John Gorton '15 took first place in the one-mile race.

Andover Races to Second-Place Finish
January 23, 2015

David Onabanjo '18 snatched first place in the Boys 300-Yard Dash with a time of 37.44 seconds, falling just shy of his 37.35 from the previous meet. His success helped Andover Boys Indoor Track secure second place in the meet on Wednesday.

"It's crazy for a [Junior] to win that type of an event," said Boys Captain John Gorton '15.

"It's not a race where you say, 'I'll pick it up next lap,' so from the second the gun goes off to the moment you cross the finish line, whether you're flying or you're crawling, you have to go all out," wrote Onabanjo in an email to The Phillipian.

Andover claimed second place by a 52-40-37 margin in a tri-meet against Wilbraham & Monson and Andover High.

The team excelled in the field events once again. Noah Ward '17 showed consistency by winning the Shot Put for the second week in a row. Ward had a distance of 47'4". Isaac Pierce '16 also won the Pole Vault.

Gorton clinched first place again in the One-Mile, one of his signatures events, with a time of 4.57.53. The distance running duo of Gorton and Ralph Skinner '16 claimed second and third place behind an Andover High runner in the Two-Mile. Skinner finished with a time of 10.54.32.

Although this meet was Andover Boys Track's first loss of the season, the team remains optimistic and eager to improve.

Gorton said, "You can't win these things every time. It feels great to win, but what really gets a team fired up and excited about improvement are those times when it doesn't go 100 percent your way. I think that's just part of a track season.Andover Girls Track came in first 60-56-12 over Andover High and Wilbraham. This win elevated the team to a 2-1 record for the season.

Camille Little '16 continued to contribute points to Andover's score by placing first in the 50-Yard Dash and the 300-Yard Race. Little finished the 50 and the 300 with times of 6.47 seconds and 40.45, respectively.

The team was victorious in the 600-Yard Race as well, in which returner Caroline Shipley '16 took first place. Shipley kept a solid lead from the beginning of the race, finishing with a time of 1.40.11.

Shipley, Kinsey Yost '15, Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 and Meghan Tao '15 claimed first place in the 4x400-Yard Relay with a time of 4.39.68.

Yost wrote in an email to The Phillipian, "We were able to make up ground early on and extend the distance between us and Andover High with each leg. By the end, we had lapped the other relay, something that usually never happens."

Distance runner Anoush Shehadeh '15 secured first place in the Girls One-Mile with a time of 5.50.05. Shehadeh also placed second in the Two-Mile in 12.22.99 minutes.

For field events, Sidney Holder '17 took first place in the Long Jump with a distance of 15'7". Jarvis finished close behind Holder with a 15"2' jump, for second place. Alexis Lefft '16 claimed first place again in Shot Put with a throw of 28'8".

Andover Track hopes to continue its success at the Greater Boston Track Club (GBTC) Open Invitational on Sunday.

Noah Ward '17 took first place in Shot Put for the second time this season

Sidney Holder' 17 nabbed a first-place finish in the Long jump

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Andover Track Competes in Invitational Meet at Harvard

Last Sunday, a select group ofrunners from Andover Girls and Boys Indoor Track competed inthe Greater Boston Track Club(GBTC) Open Invitational at Harvard. At the meet, Andovercompeted against high school,collegiate and club teams. Participating teams included Exeter, Governor's, Harvard,Franklin Pierce, St. AnselmTrack Club and the Greater BostonTrack Club. The Harvard track facility includes a high quality 200-meter indoor track. Because the track features longer straightaways than Andover's track in the Case Memorial Cage, it allowed runners to post significantly improved times."Although the times cannot be compared to outdoor times, they are always much faster than the times we post on our indoor track, so it's a great confidence boost for our runners," wrote Kinsey Yost '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*. Andover Girls dominated both short distance and long distance events. Camille Little '16 nabbed first place in the preliminaryround of the 60-Meter Dash with a time of 8.02 and continued to win the final 60-Meter Dash with an improved time of 7.89 s ec seconds. Little also claimed first place in the Invitational 200-Meter Dash with a time of 26.11 seconds. Girls Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 took first place in the regular 200-Meter Dash with a time of 27.42 seconds. A runner from Exeter finished second, and Yost finished in 27.65 seconds, good for third place. Distance runner Grace Rademacher '18 snatched second place in the One-Mile. Rademacher finished with a time of 5:30.34, only three seconds behind the first place runner from RUN, a club team from Acton, Mass. Anoush Shehadeh '15 finished the One-Mile in 5:41.06 minutes and took third place. Andover Boys Indoor Track found success against top-tier competition in the long-distance events. Every distance runner who competed in the meet set a new personal record or season's best time.Ralph Skinner '16 clinched first place in the One-Mile with a time of 4:40. Boys Captain John Gorton '15 finished just behind Skinner with a time of 4:41, good for second place.Skinner said, "There is alsoa great atmosphere at meets like these. The crowd is great,and you get to compete againstathletes from all over the state. I had a great time running the mile with [Gorton]."Sixty-six runners competed in the Boys 200-Meter Dash. Senior Gray Mackall '15 finished first in his heat with a time of 24.98 and earned 26th place overall. David Onabanjo '18 took 32nd place overall in the same event. "The purpose of the meet was not so much to win, as to run in a more competitive field on a high quality 200-meter indoor track," wrote Gorton in an email to *The Phillipian*. "We were hoping that exposing our athletes to this higher level of competition would inspire their best athletic performances and give them a taste of what it is like to run track and field in the world beyond Andover. [This meet] allowed us to gain experience, confidence and even more familiarity with our events." Andover will look to use its strong individual performances at the GBTC Open Invitational to claim first place in the first quad-meet of the season against Hyde, Governor's and Wilbraham and Monson on Wednesday.

By Cassie Chin

PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Camille Little '16 won both the 60- and 200-Meter Dashes at Harvard on Sunday.

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Track Sprints its Way to Success

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Alexis Lefft '16 won the Shot-Put for the third meet in a row and helped Andover Girls Indoor Track secure another win in the first quad-meet of the season. Andover raced Hyde, Governor's and Wilbraham & Monson, prevailing with a final score of 62-48-20-0. Lefft's throw traveled an impressive 29'09".

"Coming into [the] meet, we had already seen both Wilbraham & Monson and Governor's a couple of times, so in a way, it allowed us to focus more on technique and our own throws instead of what the other teams were doing," said Lefft.

Andover thrived in many of the other field events; Franziska Trautmann '16 claimed first place in the Pole Vault, and Sidney Holder '18 leapt 15'6" to take second place in the Long Jump. Kinsey Yost '15 came in third in the Long Jump with a distance of 15'5", and Victoria Naranjo '15 took third place in the High Jump with a height of 4'10".

Camille Little '16 clinched first place again in the 300-Yard Dash with a time of 41.10. Andover also snatched second and third place with Girls Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 close behind Little and runner Caroline Shipley '16 finished in third.

Little also finished the 50-Yard Dash in 6.46 seconds to take first place. Jarvis, nearly tied with Little, came in second with a time of 6.73.

As usual, Andover dominated the distance events. Junior Grace Rademacher '18 snagged first place in the One-Mile with a time 5:33.82, passing many runners from Governor's and Wilbraham & Monson. Key distance runner Anoush Shehadeh '15 secured first place in the Two-Mile, finishing with a time of 12:50.55.

The last event of the meet was the Girls 4x400 Relay. Yost, Shipley, Holder and Deyana Marsh '18 ran the relay and finished just behind the Governor's relay team to take second place at 4:48.49.

Andover Boys Track was a strong presence in first and second place for most events but finished in second place by a 60.5-59.5-5-4 margin.

Boys Captain John Gorton '15 said, "However tough it can be to lose, today's loss was the type of loss that actually bodes well for future success. We did not lose by much, and actually would have won if some of our more experienced athletes had been at full strength."

Will Hartemink '17 missed the meet due to an injury.

Andover had success in the Pole Vault event with Richard Ira '16 coming in first place with a score of 8. Joel Anthony Peña '16 came in third with a 7.06 score.

Noah Ward '17 won the Shot-Put for the third meet in a row with a distance of 43'07". Justin Williamson '16 took second place. Williamson's throw was 38'9".

Gorton kicked up his speed in the last lap of the One-Mile to win first place. Gorton's time was 4:51.92, a full ten seconds ahead of the Wilbraham Monson runner who took second place. Gorton also placed first in the Two-Mile with a time of 11:26.04.

Junior Basil Alfaro '18 claimed second place in the 1000-Yard Race in the same event with a time of 2:45.44.

Ian Jackson '16 ran a nail-biting race in the 50-Yard Dash when he tied for first place with the Wilbraham Monson runner. Their times were 6.06 seconds. David Onabanjo '18 came in first place again in the 300-Yard Dash with a time of 36.72.

Gorton said, "Although Exeter has one of the strongest teams in the league right now, I know my team is ready to take on the challenge. If nothing else, this team has shown that it is not afraid to take on whatever challenge stands before it."

Only two weeks remain before Andover faces Exeter. The team will train and prepare relentlessly for its biggest meet of the season.

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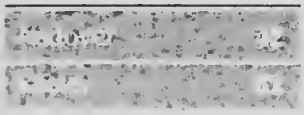
New talent Franziska Trautmann '16 won first place in the Pole Vault.

Andover Falls to Exeter In Season Finale

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



In the last meet of the season, both Andover Girls and Boys Indoor Track fell to very strong Exeter squads despite setting multiple personal records.

The Girls team earned numerous first and second place finishes but lost by a 62-42 margin, bringing its season record to 3-2.

Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 led her team by example, taking first place in the 300-Yard Dash with a time of 40.89 seconds. Jarvis continued her strong performance by taking second place in the Long Jump and third place in the 50-Yard Dash. Jarvis's distance for the Long Jump was an impressive 15'10", and her time for the 50 was 6.75 seconds.

Jarvis said, "We all came ready to perform and that's exactly what we did. I'm so proud of everyone on the team and all the work they've put in this season. Even though we may not have won, the individual performances as well as the team dynamic tell a completely different story."

Jarvis also ran in the 4x400 Relay along with Meghan Tao '15 , Kinsey Yost '15 and Caroline Shipley '16, nabbing another win for Andover. The final time for the relay team was 4:28.83, a full ten seconds ahead of the Exeter relay team's time.

Sprinter Camille Little '16 claimed first place in the 50-Yard Dash with a time of 6.53 seconds. Shipley also snatched first in the 600-Yard Dash. Shipley finished the race in 1:33.01.

Grace Rademacher '18 also found success as she placed first in the One-Mile with a time of 5:28.32 and second in the Two-Mile with a time of 11:37.82, just a half-second shy of the first place time. Anoush Shehadeh '15 finished not far behind Rademacher with a time of 12:23.74.

Shipley said, "Overall, it was a super strong performance across the board, and [there were] tons of personal records. It was such an awesome way to end our winter season."

The Boys team earned first and second place in many events as well, but it still lost by a significant margin of 71-26.

Captain John Gorton '15 got the team off to a strong start by winning the One-Mile. Gorton pushed ahead in the last three laps to finish with a time of 4:38.40. Junior Basil Alfaro '18 took third place in the One-Mile with a time of 4:55.19. Ralph Skinner '16 continued his success with a first place finish in the 1000-Yard Race. Skinner's time was 2:33.07. Junior David Onabanjo '18 took third place in a competitive 300-Yard Race with a time of 36.55 seconds.

The team also benefitted from its Field results. Isaac Pierce '16 won the Pole Vault with a score of 9.6. Noah Ward '17 came in second place in the Shot Put with a throw of 49 feet. Dakoury Godo-Solo '17 snatched second place in the High Jump with a height of five feet.

The few bright spots of the meet were unable to counter Exeter's depth across all events. The loss brought Andover Boys Track's record to 3-2.

Gorton wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "While we absolutely wanted to beat them, we were also thinking about the meet as an opportunity to grow from exposure to really difficult competition. Our athletes took on the difficult completion with such readiness and desire to achieve."

Although the score showed a significant loss, the personal records that were set and the intense and exciting competition ended Andover's season on a high note.

Track Competes at Harvard Championship

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Track's last competition of the season took place at Harvard University, the host of the USA Track & Field New England Indoor Championship. Andover raced against high school teams, track clubs and collegiate teams including Phillips Exeter Academy, Governor's, Greater Boston Track Club, Dartmouth, Roger Williams and Brown University.

Andover placed ahead of Exeter runners in many events, displaying its superiority for the second week in a row. Each event at the championship contained multiple heats of runners, and the meet was scored for individual times rather than team points.

Andover Girls Track impressed in the short distance events. Camille Little '16 won the 60-Meter Dash, clocking a time of 7.87 seconds. Senior Meghan Tao '15 also placed first in her heat of the 60-Meter Dash.

Little continued to dominate in the 200-Meter Dash. She earned the best time overall in the event and placed first in her heat with a time of 25.68 seconds. Caroline Shipley '16 took first place in her heat of the 200 finishing in 27.76 seconds, and Tao went on to win her heat with a time of 28.37.

Distance runner Grace Rademacher '18 placed 13th out of 15 runners in the One-Mile. Rademacher finished ahead of the Exeter runner in her heat with a time of 5:19.73. Krystiana Swain '18 snatched second place in her heat of the One-Mile with a time of 5:44.16.

"This year was especially memorable, because [the Seniors and Uppers] were motivated people and great mentors. [The Juniors were] amazing to watch," wrote Sidney Holder '17 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Andover Boys Track impressed in the 60-Meter Dash, as Gray Mackall '15 clinched second place in his heat with a time of 7.64 seconds. David Onabanjo '18 took fourth place in the same heat, finishing with a time of 7.70.

Mackall and Onabanjo also competed in the 200-Meter Dash. Mackall placed third in his heat, with a time of 24.88 seconds. Onabanjo took fourth place in his heat with a time of 24.76.

Ralph Skinner '15 blew by the field in the 800-Meter Race, taking first place with a time of 1:58.53. Skinner's heat included 11 other runners, two of which were from Exeter.

Captain John Gorton '15 competed in the One-Mile and took fourth place out of 15 runners. Gorton finished with a time of 4:37.17 and set a personal record in the process.

Skinner said, "In my third year of Indoor Track at Andover, I think this season has been the most enjoyable. Gorton was a terrific Captain, and we had a really special group of teammates. The team progressed extremely well from its first meet in December to the final meet this Sunday."

Andover Indoor Track bids farewell to its Captains, Charlie Jarvis '15 and Gorton, and its Seniors. Many members of the team will reunite for the Spring Track & Field season.

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Caroline Shipley '16 placed first in the 200-Meter heat.

Sport: Wrestling

Year: 2015

Captain: AJ Augustin & Justin Muchnick

Coach: Rich Gorham

Assist. Coach: Chip Dunn, Kassie Archambault & Jason York

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Akoshile, Aisha
Aladin, Jonathan
Ashutosh, Aneesh
Augustin, AJ
Bahnasy, Abdelaziz
Bausano, M
Blythe, Ian
Cleveland, Alexander
Daly, Thomas
Finney, Howard
Frankel, Ian
Gao, Martha
Haugh, Connor
Humphreys, Robert Davis
Levine, Daniel
Little, John
McMurtrie, James
Milotte, Christian
Moon, Seo Ho
Muchnick, Justin
Nassetti, Pada
Navarrete, Nicole
Oliva, Isabella
Park, Evan
Parvanov, Kaloyan
Rauen, John
Ringer, Holden
Schoeller, Nicholas
Sherr, Bennett
Simmons, Josephine
Somer, Rebecca

Philips Academy
Wrestling Roster
2015

Name	Yr	Hometown
Akoshile, Aisha	2017	Brooklyn, NY
Augustin, AJ *	2015	Boonton, NJ
Aladin, Jonathan	2015	Ewing, NJ
Ashutosh, Aneesh	2015	Weston, MA
Bahnasy, Abdelaziz	2017	North Plainfield, NJ
Bausano, M	2018	New York, NY
Blythe, Ian	2016	Georgetown, MA
Cleveland, Alexander	2017	Waterford, VA
Daly, Thomas	2016	Weston, MA
Finney, Howard	2018	Marblehead, MA
Flynn, Isabella	2015	Andover, MA
Frankel, Ian	2015	Dallas, TX
Gao, Martha	2017	Shanghai, CHN
Haugh, Connor	2017	Bedford, NH
Humphreys, Robert Davis	2015	Boxford, MA
Kang, Karissa	2017	Sunrise, FL
Levine, Daniel	2018	Lake Oswego, OR
Little, John	2015	Salt Lake City, UT
McMurtrie, James	2018	Palo Alto, CA
Milotte, Christian	2016	Bar Harbor, ME
Moon, Seo Ho	2017	Seoul, KOR
Muchnick, Justin *	2016	Newport Beach, CA
Nassetti, Pada	2017	Bangkok, THA
Oliva, Isabella	2016	Brooklyn, NY
Park, Evan	2018	Newport Beach, CA
Parvanov, Kaloyan	2016	Montana, BGR
Rauen, John	2017	Yardley, PA
Ringer, Holden	2017	Dallas, TX
Sherr, Bennett	2017	Princeton Junction, NJ
Simmons, Josephine	2017	Belmont, MA
Wang, Tianqi	2018	Beijing, CHN

* Captains

Head Coach: Rich Gorham

Wrestling
Schedule & Record

Record: 4-4-0

Date & Time	Opponent	Site	W/L	Score
December 6, 2014 at 3:30 PM	Meet vs. Nobles	H	Loss	27-45
December 13, 2014 at 1:00 PM	North Andover Duals	A	Loss	
January 10, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Meet vs. Choate	A	Win	39-36
January 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM	Meet vs. NMH	H	Loss	0-6
January 17, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Meet vs. Deerfield	A	Win	39-31
January 21, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Meet vs. Tabor	H	Win	63-18
January 24, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Meet vs. Roxbury Latin and Belmont Hill	A	CXL	
January 28, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Meet vs. Worcester	A	CXL	
January 31, 2015 at 11:00 AM	Exeter Tournament		Win	71-6
February 7, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Northerns	A		5th
February 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Meet vs. Exeter	H	Loss	12-55
February 13, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interschols Class A	A		
February 14, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Interschols Class A	A		31st/48
February 20, 2015 at 4:00 PM	New Englands	A		
February 21, 2015 at 9:00 PM	New Englands	A		
February 26, 2015 at 1:00 PM	National Prep School Championships	at Lehigh University		
February 27, 2015 at 12:00 PM	National Prep School Championships	at Lehigh University		
February 28, 2015 at 12:00 PM	National Prep School Championships	at Lehigh University		

Wrestling drops final dual meet, prepares for league tournament
At home on February 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM
Some Bright Spots in Big Blue Loss

From Head Coach Rich Gorham: "The Phillips Academy wrestling team dropped their final dual of the season at home on Wednesday afternoon to a powerful Exeter team, 55-12. Senior Alex Humphreys won a big 3-1 decision at heavyweight. Lower John Rauen won a thrilling match in the ultimate tie-breaker period of overtime, 4-3 at 132 pounds. Upper Kaloyan Parvanov picked up his first win of the season with a pin at 195. The Big Blue now prepare for the Class A league tournament at NMH this Saturday."

SPORTS
WRESTLING
Andover Struggles to Find Its Grip

Ian Blythe '16 quickly dove at his opponent's legs, forced him to the ground and won the ensuing struggle by pinning his opponent and securing a small victory for Andover against Andover High last month. Andover left the quad-meet against Brooks, Andover High and North Andover High with a 0-4-0 record.

"We're wrestling shorthanded right now with some key people out…. We wrestled tough against good competition," said Head Coach Rich Gorham.

Andover found itself unable to overcome its injuries and lost 51-28, 49-27 and 54-30, respectively.

Alex Humphreys '15 said, "Both of our captains were injured in early matches, and our only returning [wrestler who participated in the National Prep School Wrestling Championship], Bennett Sherr ['17], had the stomach flu. As a result of all these setbacks, we were forced to forfeit almost half of the matches in each dual. We did have a hope of winning, as the other teams did not have complete rosters either, but they were not struggling the way we were and we did not wrestle to our potential."

Andover first squared off against Brooks, the defending New England Prep School Champions. Captain Justin Muchnick '16 and Sherr secured pins in their matches, but the team fell by a discouraging score of 28-51.

The team then prepared to face Andover High, the host school. Andover highlights included successful pins from Blythe and David Moon '17. Holden Ringer '17 added a 18-2 victory after winning his match by technical fall, but Andover's lack of wrestlers hurt the team too much; these small successes were not enough to earn a victory over a predominant Andover High.

Blythe said, "Last year, Andover High [was] not able to fill all of [its] weight classes, but this year [it] had the majority of [its] weight classes filled with strong wrestlers."

With these losses under its belt, Andover went out onto the mats for its third match of the day against North Andover. Individual gems dotted the match, as Humphreys and John Little '15 both pinned their opponents and finished the day with 3-0 records. Yet, Andover fell to the neighboring school once again, 30-54.

The numerous forfeits from unfilled positions cost Andover a shot at the matches.

"Right now we are focusing on developing and getting better at a lot of the basics and building into more advanced [techniques] as we move forward. Overall, we are a team that fights hard. We are determined, and all of the younger guys really want to do well, which is great to see," added Blythe, who ended the meet with two wins.

Humphreys said, "Since the loss to Nobles [& Greenough], the team has been working hard to become more active on the mat. We are a young team, and because of that, many wrestlers are apprehensive once they get onto the mat. We want to be the team that goes out, takes shots and takes control of the mat from the whistle."

Gorham said, "Each meet is a learning experience. We will get better as the season goes along."

Andover will square off against Choate on Saturday in pursuit of its first victory of the season.

WRESTLING

Andover Struggles To Find a Win

Despite a quick pin from Alex Cleveland '17, early individual losses against Choate sullied Andover's chances in its third loss of the young season. Choate narrowly escaped 36-39 to drop Andover to 0-3 on the season.

"More than anything, I feel this loss will be a turning point in our season. Losing a meet so closely has made us hungrier and even more willing to put in the effort for training on and off of the mat," said Christian Milotte '16. "I am certain that we will use this loss to better and [to] motivate ourselves for future success."

Holden Ringer '17 was the first to wrestle for Andover and fell to his opponent in a close 7-8 loss in the 152-lb weight class. After Ringer, Ian Blythe '16 was pinned in 1:02.

"Choate looked more refined than we did. We have struggled desperately this season in terms of injuries, and we could see that Choate was just that bit sharper than we were," said Milotte.

After these defeats, Andover turned around the meet by winning most of the following matches. Milotte won in his Andover debut by pinning his opponent in 1:00.

Cleveland's pin came after Milotte's win and put Andover in the lead until late in the match. It took Cleveland just 1:44 to pin his opponent. All of Andover's wins came via pins in short periods of time—usually between one and two minutes.

In the last match, Evan Park '18 fought for 4:24 before being pinned.

"I think the best thing that came out of Choate is that we learned that we, as a team, are capable of competing... I think Choate showed us that we can definitely win matches and meets. The meet came down to the very last match, which is a better showing than those of our meets before break," said Captain Justin Muchnick '16.

Andover has been working to improve its skills throughout the season and is now beginning to see some of the results of their training. The three point margin of defeat was much less significant than the 18-point loss to Nobles in the first meet of the season.

"I think we need to work on wrestling tough for all six minutes. In a really close duel with some close matches, there are inevitably many moments that can change the dynamic of the entire meet. Whether it's coming out hard and physical in the first period or grinding out a takedown in the last ten seconds, little moments can make a big difference," said Muchnick. "We need to be physically fit and mentally focused – not just for a period, but for a complete match – if we want to capitalize on every opportunity, and at the end of the day, we didn't quite do that at Choate."

Andover will square off against Northfield Mount Hermon at home on Saturday hoping to secure a win.

"If we show up every day from now until Class A's ready to grind and improve, I think we can make some waves come tournament season and get some team wins under our belt along the way," said Muchnick.

Wrestling Pinned by Nobles & Greenough

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Kaloyan Parvanov '16 sizes up his Nobles opponent.

By Viraj Kumar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Wrestling suffered defeat at the hands of Nobles & Greenough on Saturday, losing all but three matches. Andover's victories came from new Lower Holden Ringer '17 in his Andover Wrestling debut, Co-Captain Justin Muchnick '16 and John Little '15.

"I was excited to get back out there in an Andover singlet. I have been working and waiting for a long time to the start of this season. We have a young team, and we have a lot of new faces out there," said Muchnick. Muchnick pinned his opponent in a swift 1:13.

Last season, Andover finished with a 9-6 record and placed fifth out of 12 teams in the Class A New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference (NEPSAC) League Tournament, as well as 11th out of 50 in the All-New England Prep School Tournament. In last year's match against Nobles, Andover prevailed 49-22. This year, Andover lost 45-27.

Following the graduation of seven Seniors last year, Andover has a younger, less-experienced squad this year. As a result, the team looks forward to a season that will be full of learning and development.

"Compared to last year, we are a weaker team. However, we are really looking forward to improving as a team. This was the first of many stepping stones in a long season," said returner Bennett Sherr '17. "I think we just need some more time, maybe until the end of this season, and we will be a great team."

Muchnick added, "There were a lot of people out there wrestling their first match for Andover or even in general. Though we lost a few team leaders, this year is more like a start of a new era. I hope that this match was the first of many learning experiences in a successful season. I would like to build from this for myself and for the team."

Andover is working to build a good foundation for beginner wrestlers to produce a highly competitive team later this season. Andover squares off against North Andover High on Saturday.

Wrestling Struggles to Pin Strong Opponents

By Viraj Kumar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	36
Avon Old Farms	42
Andover	6
St. Johnsbury	71

After a prolonged struggle in the center of the ring, Christian Milotte '16 pinned his opponent to secure crucial points in a close match against Avon Old Farms.

On Saturday, Andover squared off against Avon Old Farms and St. Johnsbury and lost 36-42 and 6-71, respectively.

"Everyone on the team fought really hard against Avon. From 106 all the way up to 285, the matches were intense and well done," said Ian Blythe '16. "As a whole the team's technique has improved, and it is beginning to show in matches that might have ended differently earlier this year."

Early on in the meet, Alex Cleveland '17 and Quint Finney '18 both pinned their opponents with relative ease, starting off the tournament strong.

Avon countered Andover's advantage with three consecutive wins. Then, Holden Ringer '17, wrestling in the 145 weight class, fought hard against his opponent and sealed the matchup with an 11-4 win. Blythe followed suit and won his match by a 5-1 margin.

Ringer said, "Wrestling is all a big lesson that beats you up so life doesn't chew you up and spit you out. I'm wrestling some senior captain every week and they'll kick the crap out of me, but I soak it up and feel it store in my brain and go into practice to try and emulate these fantastic wrestlers."

Andover continued its excellent form with two pins in the 170 and 182-pound weight classes. First, Milotte ended his match with 2:48 still left on the clock. Then, John Little '15 pinned his opponent 5:35 into the match.

Tied up at 36-36, it all came down to the last matchup. Avon's impressive heavy weight was enough to secure a pin just under two minutes into the match, sealing Avon's victory 36-42.

Milotte said, "Avon showed a lot of grit too: we had started a real comeback by the final bout, but their determination and 'never-say-die' attitude is what allowed them to pull through."

After this close, disappointing loss, Andover faced off against the St. Johnsbury wrestling team from Vermont, one of the most competitive public school teams. Andover fell to the tough competition 6-71.

"Occasionally, our shots were too sloppy, and we didn't have faith in our own abilities," said Milotte.

Alex Humphreys '15 was the only wrestler from Andover to snag a victory against St. Johnsbury, pinning his opponent in the second period.

Blyth said, "Humphreys put up some solid points for the team which was good, but overall they were definitely a stronger team than us."

Andover cannot afford to dwell on the past, and the team looks to step up its game at the Northerns tournament on Saturday.

Ringer, "A big morale booster is the coaches' attitude. They are always optimistic about our team and [that] bodes well for the people in the program. ... There is hope, especially going into this weekend. Northerns is a tournament where people should be able to perform well."

Andover Pins Place at New England's

By Viraj Kumar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Wrestling competed at the Class A Interschols Tournament, placing fourth out of 12 teams with 141 points. The team missed a top-three finish by only three points, and will send six wrestlers to the New England regional tournament.

Ian Blythe '16, Holden Ringer '16 and Christian Millotte '16 qualified for New England's at Class A's, while Captain Justin Muchnick '16, Alex Cleveland '17 and Alex Humphreys '15 qualified earlier in the season.

The team's performance was a result of the season-long effort to prepare for the tournament.

Humphreys said, "Practices progressively became more intensive, but we only drilled basic moves. This allowed all of the first year wrestlers to just out-tough the opponent. It was a grind, but the coaches know what they're doing, and we became tougher wrestlers as the season progressed."

Head Coach Rich Gorham said, "The regular-season is preparation for the post-season tournaments, and the Class A Interschols tournament is the crown jewel for us. We design the season to peak at the Class A."

Cleveland began the meet by pinning his first opponent at :26, but he fell to Loomis Chaffee's Ian Mann. Cleveland quickly made up for this by defeating Wilbraham & Monson's Kevin Lyskawa for the third place finish in the 106-pound weight class.

Ringer faced a similar situation as Cleveland. After his win against Worcester Academy's opponent, he fell to Tabor's Jack Rielly. Ringer quickly pinned his next opponent with 4:06 left in the period, securing the last spot on the podium in the 145-pound weight class.

Blythe won close decision in his first matchup. After one win and one loss in the next two matchups, he faced Choate's Dylan Wallace. He could not overcome his skilled opponent and earned a fourth place finish.

In the 170-pound weight class, Milotte was also able to defeat his first opponent with a pin at :57. Still in the winners' bracket, Milotte squared off against Philip Rubin from Tabor, who possessed a season record of 21-6. In a challenging matchup, Milotte succumbed at 1:24. Unfazed by his defeat, Milotte bounced back by pinning his Hyde competitor at :54. In his final matchup, Milotte won a close decision by a 8-7 margin and earned third place.

Humphreys represented at the 285 weight class. Humphreys continued his string of strong performances with two successive pins. In the final matchup, Humphreys lost a close match to claim second in the tournament.

Gorham said, "This year we had a very young team – only two Seniors went to Interschols, three Uppers and seven Juniors and Lowers combined. The team showed good development during the course of the season and blossomed at Interschols, performing much better than expected."

Andover's performance this year improved on last season's fifth place finish, proving that hard work and persistence compensated for inexperience.

"I am proud of this team – they worked hard for their success," concluded Gorham.

At New England's on Friday and Saturday, Andover will look to back up its strong showing from Class A's.

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Alex Humphreys '15, who qualified for New England's at Class A's, pins his oppoment.

Andover Places 31st At Nationals

By Viraj Kumar
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

On the heels of a season-best performance at Class A's, Andover Wrestling faltered at the New England Wrestling Championships.

Although six Andover wrestlers qualified, Ian Blythe '16, Christian Milotte '16 and Alex Cleveland '17 were unable to compete due to injuries.

Of the remaining three wrestlers, Alex Humphreys '15, earned the highest finish at seventh place in the 285-pound weight class.

"The matches I won were because of my experience with heavyweight wrestling, and my opponent's relative lack of technique. My weaknesses were more with my mentality. I went into my qualifying match underestimating my opponent, and when he proved to be stronger than I expected, I lost confidence in myself and did not wrestle how I normally would," wrote Humphreys in an email to *The Phillipian*.

After missing most of the season, Captain Justin Muchnick '16 returned to the lineup still nursing a torn labrum. In the first match against his Taft opponent, he wrestled cautiously and grinded out a 3-2 victory in a low-scoring affair. He could not, however, advance beyond the round of 12.

Following an impressive performance at Class A's, Holden Ringer '17 lost early in the tournament at New Englands. Then, he suffered a narrow, 9-12 defeat in the consolation match.

Andover's 17 team points were good for 31st out of the 48 teams present at New England's.

Muchnick said, "The talent at New Englands is the highest that we see all year. Every match is a grind. There aren't really any of those 'warm up' matches that you sometimes get in other tournaments."

Looking toward next season, Andover has high expectations. The team will only lose three seniors. Muchnick will return as captain alongside newly elected Co-Captain, Blythe.

The strong performance of the JV team this season is a sign of good things to come. "We have a lot of young wrestlers hungry for success. We should return 11 varsity starters, including six league placers, and we hope to make a push for the league title in 2016," said Head Coach Richard Gorham.

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John Rauen '17 tries to pin his opponent.

Spring Team Results

Baseball	17-5-0	2nd at New England
Crew - Boys		2nd at NEIRA's
Crew - Girls		1st at NEIRA's
Golf	4-2-2	
Lacrosse - Boys	14-1-0	
Lacrosse - Girls	4-8-2	
Softball	14-0-0	
Tennis - Boys	5-6-0	
Tennis - Girls	11-1-0	2nd at New Englands
Track Boys	1-3-1	
Track Girls	4-1-0	2nd at Interschols
Ultimate	7-4-0	
Volleyball	3-9-0	
Water Polo Girls	3-5-0	

Sport: Baseball

Year: 2015

Captains: John Festa, Matt Hosman
Thomas Lane, & Tim Salvadore

Coach: Kevin Graber

Assistant Coach: Tedd Parker & Chris Capano

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Ballard-Rossiter, Alice Mgr
Beckett, Taylor
Carbone, Calvin
Cerulle, Robert
Eikenberry, Sarah Mgr
Festa, John
Gaetano, David
Garfield, Cameron
Griffin, Kenneth
Hosman, Matthew
Jancsy, Payton
Klionsky, Alexandra
Lane, Thomas
Lane, Travis
Nelson, Jacob
Reinisch, Benjamin
Salvadore, Timothy
Simourian, John
Whalen, Robert
Zager, Samuel

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL
2015

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
2	Zager, Samuel	2015	Sudbury, MA
3	Simourian, John	2016	Dover, MA
4	Simourian, Joseph	2018	Dover, MA
8	Cerulle, Robert	2017	Wellesley, MA
9	Jancsy, Payton	2016	Marblehead, MA
10	Whalen, Robert	2016	Hanover, NH
11	Beckett, Taylor	2017	Wellesley, MA
13	Carbone, Calvin	2015	Middleton, MA
14	Reinisch, Benjamin	2015	Troy, NY
16	Lane, Travis	2018	Georgetown, MA
17	Festa, John	2015	Lynnfield, MA
18	Gaetano, David	2015	Clarksville, TN
21	Salvadore, Timothy	2015	Hopkinton, MA
22	Garfield, Cameron	2017	Wellesley, MA
24	Hosman, Matthew	2015	Peabody, MA
26	Griffin, Kenneth	2017	Sterling, AK
27	Lane, Thomas	2015	Georgetown, MA
45	Nelson, Jacob	2015	Hopkinton, NH

Coach: Kevin Graber
Assistant Coach: Chris Capano, Ted Parker
Managers: Sarah Eikenberry, '16, Alice Ballard-Rossiter,'17, Ally Klionsky, '17

Baseball Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 17-5-0

March 28, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Game vs. St. John's Prep	A	Win	10-4
April 4, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. Bridgton	H	CXL	
April 8, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Tabor	A	Win	3-1
April 10, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Belmont Hill	A*	Win	7-4
April 15, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Cushing	H	Win	5-1
April 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. BB&N	A*	Loss	2-18
April 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Worcester	A	Win	7-5
April 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Worcester	A	Loss	7-11
April 22, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Pingree	A	Win	3-2
April 25, 2015 at 1:00 PM	Game vs. NMH	H	Win	7-2
April 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. NMH	H	Win	4-0
April 27, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Brooks	A	Win	7-3
May 1, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Groton	A	Loss	3-7
May 2, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Win	2-0
May 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Win	4-3
May 6, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Cushing	A	Win	8-7
May 9, 2015 at 1:15 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Win	12-1
May 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Loss	2-3
May 13, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Win	16-5
May 16, 2015 at 10:00 AM	CNEPSBL Championship Tournament	A *	Win	4-1
May 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM	CNEPSBL Championship Tournament	A *	Loss	4-11
May 20, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Dexter Southfield	H	Win	2-0
May 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	7-3

*(New England Baseball Complex)

Varsity Baseball Notches Exhibition Wins over St. John's Prep, Andover High
At St. John's Prep on March 28, 2015 at 12:00 PM
Big Blue Baseball opened with a pair of exhibition wins, downing St. John's Prep 10-4 and Andover High 14-1. St. John's Prep is the top-ranked team in the state according to ESPNBoston, while Andover High is the reigning MIAA Division I North champion.

Big Blue Baseball opened its 2015 season with a pair of convincing exhibition wins, downing St. John's Prep, 10-4, and Andover High School, 14-1. St. John's Prep is the top-ranked team in the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) according to ESPNBoston's preseason poll, while Andover High – ranked 23rd – is the reigning MIAA Division I North champion. Big Blue ran a trio of pitchers to the mound against St. John's Prep, including UPenn-bound Jake Nelson '15, who struck out four in a trio of scoreless innings, Virginia Tech-bound Tim Salvadore '15, and Boston College-bound Thomas Lane '15, who set St. John's Prep down in order in the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings. John Festa '15, Taylor Beckett '17, John Simourian '16, Ben Reinisch '15, Travis Lane '18, and Matt Whalen '16 paced the offense with a hit apiece. Salvadore, Nelson, David Gaetano '15, and Cam Garfield '17 each took the mound against Andover High and combined to limit the Warriors to just one run, while the offense clicked on all cylinders, led by John Simourian, who tripled twice, doubled, and singled.

Lane '15, Simourian '18 Power Varsity Baseball Past Tabor in League Opener
At Tabor on April 8, 2015 at 3:30 PM
Thomas Lane '15 fanned six and pitched a complete-game two-hit shutout, while Joe Simourian '18 slugged a two-run double in the fourth, as varsity baseball notched a 3-1 win in its league opener at reigning Central New England Prep Champion Tabor Academy.

Thomas Lane '15 (1-0) struck out six en route to a complete-game two-hit shutout, while Joe Simourian '18 gave Big Blue the lead for good with a two-run double with two outs in the fourth, as varsity baseball notched a 3-1 win in its league opener at reigning Central New England Prep Champion Tabor Academy. The game was a rematch of last year's Central New England Prep semifinal, in which Lane squared off against Tabor ace PJ Poulin '15, who'll pitch next year for the University of Connecticut. Last year, Poulin threw a no-hitter en route to a 2-0 victory. This year, Poulin lasted four innings, walking one, fanning three, and allowing all three Andover runs. Meanwhile, Lane cruised, striking out the side in the seventh after Tabor's lone run crossed the plate in the first inning on a wild pitch. Kenny Griffin '17 plated Andover's first run, scoring Rob Cerulle '17 with a groundout in the fourth. John Festa '15, Taylor Beckett '17, John Simourian '16, Matt Hosman '15, and Cerulle each singled to bolster the offense.

Varsity Baseball Upends Reigning ISL Champ Belmont Hill, 7-4
At Belmont Hill (New England Baseball Complex) on April 10, 2015 at 4:00 PM
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out 10 hits in all, including two each from Beckett and Lane. Belmont Hill threatened in the bottom of the seventh, but Gaetano induced a ground ball to second baseman Whalen, who flipped to shortstop Reinisch for a game-ending 4-6-3 double play.

Varsity Baseball Moves to 3-0 with 5-1 Win Over Visiting Cushing
At home on April 15, 2015 at 3:15 PM

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Varsity Baseball Earns Hard-Fought Split at Worcester
At Worcester on April 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM

Varsity baseball salvaged a win in the opener before dropping Game 2 at Worcester Academy on Saturday. David Gaetano '15 was the hero in Game 1, holding Worcester at bay with three innings of stellar relief while the offense chipped away at a 5-2 deficit. Varsity baseball came from behind to salvage a 7-5 win in the opener before dropping the second game 11-7 in a hard-fought doubleheader at Central New England Prep rival Worcester Academy on Saturday. David Gaetano '15 was the hero in Game 1, holding Worcester at bay with three innings of stellar relief while the offense chipped away at a 5-2 deficit.

In the opener, Andover did the bulk of its damage in the late innings, knotting the score at 5-5 with a three-run flurry in the sixth before sealing the win with a pair of runs in the seventh. Travis Lane '18 singled home the winning run in the final frame, and classmate Joe Simourian '18 added an insurance tally with a bases-loaded walk. Gaetano relieved Jake Nelson '15 in the fourth before handing the ball off to Thomas Lane '15, who slammed the door shut in the seventh. Matt Hosman tripled and scored a run amidst a 3-for-4 afternoon, while Matt Whalen singled twice and went 2-for-3.

Game 2 saw Worcester take an early 7-0 lead, but Andover battled back with a five-run barrage in the fifth on the strength of RBI singles by Joe Simourian '18 and Robby Cerulle '17. Andover managed two more runs in the top of the seventh, but it proved to be too little, too late. Cam Garfield '17 and Travis Lane '18 pitched capably in relief in the loss. Whalen and Cerulle paced the offense with a pair of singles apiece.

Varsity Baseball Improves to 6-2 with Non-League Win at Pingree
At Pingree on April 22, 2015 at 3:45 PM

Four Big Blue hurlers combined to limit Pingree to two runs on six hits, while David Gaetano '15, John Simourian '16, and Matt Hosman '15 bolstered the offense with two hits apiece, as Andover improved to 6-2 with a 3-2 win at Pingree on Wednesday. A quartet of Big Blue hurlers combined to limit Pingree to just two runs on six hits, while David Gaetano '15, John Simourian '16 (pictured), and Matt Hosman '15 bolstered the offense with two hits apiece, as

Andover improved to 6-2 with a 3-2 win at Pingree on Wednesday. Pingree has won the Eastern Independent League Championship in 13 of the last 14 seasons. Cam Garfield '17, Gaetano, Jake Nelson '15, and Thomas Lane '15 each toed the rubber for Andover. Gaetano worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the third, before Nelson blanked Pingree in the fourth and fifth innings, and Lane earned his second save by holding the hosts scoreless in the sixth and seventh. Pingree had the tying run on second base with two outs in the final frame, but Lane ended the game by picking the runner off second. Andover opened the scoring in the top of the first when Taylor Beckett '17 singled, stole second, and scored on an RBI single by Simourian. Andover tacked on two more in the second. Rob Cerulle '17 singled and scored on a Hosman double. Hosman then stole third base and scored on a groundout by Sam Zager '15.

Big Blue Baseball Continues Hot Start with Doubleheader Sweep
At home on April 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM

Taylor Beckett '17 singled, doubled twice, and drove in a trio of runs in the opener, before Jake Nelson '15 and Matt Hosman '15 pitched a combined shutout in the nightcap, as Andover swept a doubleheader against visiting league rival NMH on Saturday.
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Ben Reinisch '15 singled, doubled, and scored a run to bolster the offense in Game 1. Hosman doubled and scored a run as well. Thomas Lane '15 drew the start on the mound and fanned six in five complete innings. Lane now sports a 3-0 pitching record with a pair of saves and a 0.00 ERA in 19.0 innings of work. Cam Garfield '17 and David Gaetano '15 each pitched an inning in relief. Gaetano notched his second save of the year after entering the game and wiggling out of a bases-loaded jam with no outs in the sixth.

Andover managed just four hits in Game 2, but Nelson was dominant in five stellar innings on the mound, scattering four hits while striking out seven. Hosman pitched the sixth and seventh and allowed just one NMH baserunner.

Simourian '18, Gaetano '15 Push Varsity Baseball Past Brooks
At Brooks on April 27, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Varsity baseball outlasted non-league foe Brooks School 7-3 on Monday in a game that featured four lead changes, clutch hitting from Joe Simourian '18, and stellar relief by southpaw hurler David Gaetano '15. Trailing 3-1 in the top of the second, Joe Simourian cracked a two-run single, scoring Robby Cerulle '17 and Matt Whalen '16 to cap a three-run flurry from which Brooks would never recover.All the while Gaetano blanked Brooks in 3 1/3 innings of work, scattering two hits and fanning five after entering the game with the bases loaded in the second. Andover jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first. John Festa '15 ignited the rally with a single and then trotted home on a single by John Simourian '16. Big Blue then added a pair of insurance runs in the fourth, highlighted by an RBI single by Taylor Beckett '17, scoring Festa. Beckett leads the team in hitting at a .375 clip.

Lane '15, Nelson '15 Dominant as Surging Big Blue Baseball Sweeps Exeter
At home on May 2, 2015 at 5:30 PM

Thomas Lane '15 and Jake Nelson '15 combined to pitch 13 consecutive scoreless innings as varsity baseball swept a Central New England Prep School Baseball League doubleheader against visiting archrival Exeter on Saturday. Andover improved to 11-3 overall and 7-1 in league play, taking the opener 2-0 and the nightcap 4-3.

Lane hurled a complete-game shutout in Game 1, fanning five and scattering just three Exeter hits to run his season record to a perfect 4-0 with two saves and an unblemished 0.00 ERA in 26.0 innings of work. Taylor Beckett '17 provided the bulk of the offense, finishing a perfect 3-for-3, doubling home a run in the third and singling home an insurance tally in the fifth. Joe Simourian '18 tripled, singled and scored a run, while John Festa '15 singled twice and scored.

Lane cruised in Game 1, but Nelson was downright dominant in Game 2, striking out 12 and scattering just thee hits in six complete shutout innings. He fanned seven of the first nine hitters he faced and struck out the side in the second and fourth innings. Andover did the bulk of its damage with a three-run, two-out rally in the bottom of the fourth. Matt Hosman '15 singled home John Simourian '16 before Travis Lane '18 singled home Hosman. Ben Reinisch '15 then trotted home on an infield error on a hard-hit ground ball by Payton Jancsy '16. Joe Simourian '18 capped the scoring in the fifth when he doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and scored on an RBI groundout by his big brother, John Simourian '16. Exeter made things interesting in the top of the seventh, tagging Andover's bullpen for three runs and advancing the tying run to second base before Big Blue reliever David Gaetano '15 squelched the threat with a harmless groundout to Jancsy at first base to end the game.

Varsity Baseball Outlasts Cushing, Improves to 8-1 in League Play
At Cushing on May 6, 2015 at 3:15 PM

Andover varsity baseball scored four runs in the opening frame and led throughout but had to hold on for dear life in a hard-fought 8-7 victory at Cushing Academy on Wednesday. Andover improved to 11-3 overall and 8-1 in Central New England Prep League play with the win.

Andover's four-run first came courtesy of RBI singles by Taylor Beckett '17 and John Simourian '16, a sac fly by Matt Hosman '15, and a wild pitch scoring Simourian. John Festa '15 then singled home Sam Zager '15 in the second to push the lead to 5-0, and the visitors tacked on a trio of insurance tallies in the fourth. The inning got off to a hot start when John Simourian '16 singled, plating little brother Joe Simourian '18. Festa then singled and scored on Hosman's second sac fly of the game, before Ben Reinisch '15 singled and scored on a clutch two-out hit by Robby Cerulle '17. Tim Salvadore '15 drew the start and earned the win, pitching ably into the fourth, scattering just two hits and fanning four. Cushing nevertheless scratched and clawed at a trio of Andover relievers, cutting the deficit to just one run, 8-7, with a runner on second and two outs in the bottom of the seventh. Hosman, who moved from second base to the mound with one out in the inning, induced a tapper toward shortstop, which Reinisch scooped up and fired to first on the run for the final out. Andover played errorless baseball throughout, sparked by the stellar infield play of Beckett at third, Reinisch at shortstop, Hosman at second, and Cerulle at first. Andover pounded out 14 hits on the afternoon. Beckett led the way with a double and two singles, while Festa singled three times, scored a run, drove in another, and stole a base. John Simourian '16 and Cerulle added multiple-hit games for the victors.

Varsity Baseball Gains Split at Deerfield, Earns 2 Seed in Central New England Championship Tourney
At Deerfield on May 9, 2015 at 1:15 PM

Andover won the opener 12-1 before falling 3-2 in Game 2 in a Central New England Prep doubleheader at Deerfield on Saturday. With the split, Andover locked up the 2 seed in the forthcoming Central New England Prep School Baseball Championship Tournament.

Andover pounded out 12 hits in a 12-1 win in the opener before falling 3-2 in Game 2 in a Central New England Prep doubleheader at Deerfield Academy on Saturday. With the doubleheader split, Andover locked up the No. 2 seed in the forthcoming Central New England Prep School Baseball Championship Tournament with a 9-2 league record. Thomas Lane '15 upped his pitching record to a perfect 5-0 with a complete-game win in Game 1, striking out seven while scattering just seven hits. Lane has surrendered just four runs (only one earned) in 33.0 innings on the season. Meanwhile, Andover's offense put up three runs in each of the third and fourth innings before cementing the win with a five-run seventh. John Festa '15, Matt Hosman '15, and Travis Lane '18 each logged a pair of hits to pace the offense. Andover logged nine hits to Deerfield's five in Game 2, and Hosman was stellar in relief, surrendering just two hits and fanning four in 3.2 innings on the mound, but the offense fell short in the end, leaving the tying run on second base in both the sixth and seventh innings. Robby Cerulle '17 plated Andover's first run with an RBI single in the second. David Gaetano '15 then singled home Taylor Beckett '17 in the fifth.

The field is now set for the Central New England Prep Championship Tournament, which will be played on Saturday, May 16 at the New England Baseball Complex in Northborough, Mass. Top-seeded Worcester Academy will take on fourth-seeded Cushing Academy, while second-seeded Andover squares off against the No. 3 seed, Tabor Academy. Both games will begin at 10 a.m., with the championship game to follow. Andover has won nine Central New England Prep Championships, including back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2013.

Varsity Baseball Caps League Slate with 16-5 Win Over Tabor
At home on May 13, 2015 at 3:30 PM

In its final game before this weekend's Central New England Prep Championship Tournament, Andover routed visiting Tabor 16-5, upping its record to 14-4 overall and 10-2 in league play. Andover hurlers Cam Garfield '17, Travis Lane '18, Tim Salvadore '15, Thomas Lane '15, Jake Nelson '15, David Gaetano '15, and Matt Hosman '15 each pitched an inning in the win. The offense did the bulk of its damage with a nine-run eruption in the fifth on an RBI single by Joe Simourian '18, a hit by pitch, a wild pitch, a two-run double by John Simourian '15, an RBI double by Hosman, a fielder's choice, and a two-run single by Sam Zager '15.

Andover pounded out 16 hits in all, led by John Simourian's two doubles and a single and Hosman's pair of doubles. Payton Jancsy '16 doubled and singled as well, while Zager, John Festa '15, and Ben Reinisch '15 each logged multiple-hit games. Second-seeded Andover and third-seeded Tabor will square off again this Saturday (May 16) at 10 a.m. in the semifinal round of the Central New England Prep Championship Tournament at the New England Baseball Complex in Northborough, Mass. Top-seeded Worcester Academy and fourth-seeded Cushing will square in the day's other semifinal, also at 10 a.m. The winners will meet for the championship at 12:30 p.m. Andover has won nine Central New England Prep Championships, including back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2013.

Varsity Baseball Trumps Tabor in Semis, Falls to Worcester in Central New England Prep Title GameAt Worcester (New England Baseball Complex) on May 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM

Andover fell just short in its quest to hang a 10th Central New England Prep Championship banner, advancing to the tournament title game with a 4-1 semifinal win over Tabor Academy, before falling 11-4 to Worcester Academy in the title game, both played Saturday at the New England Baseball Complex in Northborough, Mass.

Andover earned the No. 2 seed by virtue of a 10-2 league record, and Saturday's semifinal tilt was a rematch of last year's semifinal in which Tabor ace, University of Connecticut-bound PJ Poulin' 16, squared off against Andover ace, Boston College-bound Thomas Lane '16 (Poulin pitched a no-hitter en route to a 2-0 Tabor win). Lane turned the tables on Poulin this year, upping his pitching record to an unblemished 7-0 with a dominant pitching performance, limiting Tabor to just one run on three hits while striking out six. Lane's season numbers are astounding – he's surrendered just five runs (two earned) in 41.0 innings of work, limiting opponents to a paltry .166 batting average. Andover led the entire way, scoring three runs in the second on an error, a fielder's choice, and an RBI single by Robby Cerulle '17. After a quick strike from Tabor, Andover responded with an insurance run in the bottom of the third on a sacrifice fly by Matt Hosman '15. Taylor Beckett '17 doubled and scored a run, while Cerulle finished 2-for-2 in the win.

Meanwhile, top-seeded Worcester dispatched fourth-seeded Cushing Academy in Saturday's other semifinal and then jumped on Andover early on in the title game with three runs in the third and a four-run flurry in the fourth. Andover scored a pair of runs in each of the final two frames and left the bases loaded in the top of the seventh, but it was too little, too late. Andover managed just four hits, including Beckett's second double of the day, while John Simourian '16 drove in a pair of runs, upping his team-high RBI total to 19.

Now 15-5 on the season, Andover wraps up its season with a Wednesday home game against Dexter and a Saturday road game at archrival Exeter.

Diamond Dave Dupes Dexter as Varsity Baseball Improves to 16-5
At home on May 20, 2015 at 3:45 PM

Andover didn't provide southpaw hurler David Gaetano '15 with much offensive support on Wednesday, but he didn't need much. Gaetano scattered just five hits and fanned eight en route to a 2-0 complete game win over visiting Dexter, upping his pitching record to a perfect 4-0. Andover – which improved to 16-5 with the win – grabbed the lead for good in the opening frame on an RBI single by John Simourian '16. Robby Cerulle '17 then plated an insurance tally on a fielder's choice in the fifth.

Andover wraps up its season Saturday at archrival Exeter.

Varsity Baseball Finishes Season at 17-5 with 7-3 Win at Exeter
At Exeter on May 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM

After falling just one win shy of its 10th Central New England Prep Baseball Championship, Andover found consolation in a 7-3 win at archrival Phillips Exeter in both teams' season finale on Saturday.

Andover upped its record to 17-5 in what would be the final high school baseball game for its class of 2015 – Matt Hosman, Tim Salvadore, Thomas Lane, John Festa, David Gaetano, Calvin Carbone, Ben Reinisch, and Jake Nelson. Andover pounded out 13 hits in the win, including three each from Hosman and Festa. Hosman – who led the team in hitting at .367 – singled and

scored in both the second and fourth innings and plated a pair of insurance tallies with a two-run single in the eighth. John Simourian '16 added a pair of RBIs with a single in the third and a sac fly in the eighth.

Salvadore drew the start and pitched four strong innings before handing the ball of to Lane, who held Exeter at bay from there.

BASEBALL

Powerhouse Pitching Staff Projected to Lead Boys to Wins

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winning back-to-back New England Prep onships in 2012 and 2013 ng short of the title last Andover Baseball is ready mption. The team is strivdiscover its winning ways ng after a successful prerip to Fort Pierce, Florida ing break.

g graduated seven seniors last year, Andover will look to its newcomers this season for more depth in their game. Co-Captains John Festa '15, Matt Hosman '15, Tim Salvadore '15, and Thomas Lane '15 will fill the shoes left by last year's leaders Mark Sullivan '14 and Chris Hohlstein '14.

"The team's goals are to do all of the little things right to make the big picture come together. We want to win, but in order to do that we all need to contribute and do our jobs," said Festa.

Festa led the team in the 2014 season with 20 hits and logged a team-best .417 on-base percentage, while Lane finished last year with a 1.54 Earned Run Average on the mound.

Andover will rely on its pitching staff consisting of Hosman, Salvadore, Lane, and Post-Graduate Jake Nelson '15 in order to be successful. Nelson and Salvadore were named 12th and 20th, respectively, in New England Baseball Journal's list of top 20 MLB prospects in the region.

"Right now our pitching staff is our team's strength," said utility player and returner Payton Jancsy '16. "Our rotation is one of the best in the league."

The team will need to work on matching its efficiency on the mound with its production at the plate.

Jancsy added, "Our goal is to win a championship—plain anc simple. I think we can improve a the plate, but I'm not worried be cause hitting will come with play ing more games and seeing mor pitches."

Key batters on the team includ Jancsy and catcher John Simouri an '16. Jancsy hit .306 and stol a team-high nine bases last yea while Simourian led the tea with a .378 batting average.

In Florida, Andover showcase its teamwork in exhibition game against Pro Teach Baseball Acad emy, Dexter, Berkshire, Avon Apollo Ridge High School, an Episcopal.

"Our greatest challenge was th fact that we did not practice at al as a team prior to departing fo Florida, so pretty much our firs time on the field as a team was ou first game in Florida," said Hea Coach Kevin Graber.

Stats and scores were not kep for these games since they wer solely for practice.

Graber explained, "Teams sub stituted freely, batted more tha the requisite nine hitters, an even, at times, ended innings be fore three outs were recorded i order to preserve pitchers' pitc counts."

The game against Avon, how ever, followed regulation rule and ended 8-7 in Andover's fa vor. The team scored two runs i the bottom of the 7th inning for walk-off win, and pitchers Lan Salvadore, and Nelson combine for the win.

Andover's first game of th season is on Saturday against S John's Prep.

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tain Thomas Lane '15 will pitch for Boston College next year.

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over defeated Belmont Hill, the reigning Independent School League champions.

hind young standouts against Belmont Hill and Thomas Lane's '15 strong start to the season, Andover is off to a hot 3-0 start.

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ast Friday, young talents Travis e '18 and Joe Simourian '18 con- uted a combined three runs to lover Baseball's offensive attack helped Andover edge Belmont Hill in a 7-4 win, which was Andover's second of the season. Lane, who made his first appearance of the season in the victory, brought in two runs and tallied two hits, while Simourian continued his good form from the season opener against Tabor by driving home a run off a single for his third RBI in two games.

After beating Belmont Hill during their season opener on Friday, Andover Baseball continued its streak by claiming a 5-1 victory over Cushing on Wednesday, bringing its record to 3-0.

Belmont Hill, defending three-time champions of the Independent School League, entered Friday's game with a perfect 3-0 record, only to have it tarnished by Andover's high intensity offense.

Although both teams produced effectively at the plate, Andover limited its opponent's opportunities to score while creating offensive bursts to solidify its dominance throughout the game. Eight of Andover's ten hits came in streaks during the second and fifth innings in which the team scored all of its runs. Belmont Hill could not find a way to respond to this pressure and ended up using four different pitchers in seven innings of play.

On the mound, veteran Tim Salvadore '15 started and struck out five batters in two innings before being replaced by David Gaetano '15 in the third inning who only gave up one run in five innings to earn the save.

Gaetano said after the game, "We had a lot of big hits in clutch situations all throughout the order. Our defense really played well."

As it did against Belmont Hill, Andover rallied offensively against Cushing off of consecutive hits to form a sizable lead early in the game. Simourian started the rally with a double, followed by a walk that sent Co-Captain John Festa '15 to first base. Taylor Beckett '17 then loaded the bases when he singled on a hard grounder to left field.

All three runners proceeded to score. Simourian scored on a wild pitch that advanced Festa to third, and Robby Cerulle '17 hit a sacrifice fly that brought Festa home. Ben Reinisch '15 also reached base on a walk, and Co-Captain Matt Hosman '15 rounded out the hitting spree with a double that brought in both Beckett and Reinisch.

"Overall, we put together some really strong at bats. We saw a lot of pitchers. Also a bunch of kids wer clutch in getting hits when we need ed them," Beckett said.

At the same time, however, Ar dover could have put even mor pressure on the Cushing defens throughout the game. Beckett adc ed, "We definitely struck out to much. We need to at least put th ball in play and force them to mak a play."

After scoring four runs in the fir inning, the team rode on its earl success and kept Cushing's bats bay with strong defense. Pitche Thomas Lane '15 struck out three i four innings and gave up three hi and one run. Jake Nelson '15 thre for the remainder of the game, cor ceding no walks and two hits wit three strikeouts.

Andover hopes to extend its u defeated start to the season with win against BB&N on Friday.

Lane Pitches Seven Strong Innings in Win

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had a 3-0 record prior to losing against Andover on Wednesday, after beating Exeter, Portsmouth Abbey and Milton. The team's offense stalled against Andover, however, and finished the game with two hits and three errors.

Catcher Sam Zager '15 said, "We played really solid defense and supported Lane all throughout his outing. We hit when we needed to, and no one tried to do too much. We had one extra base hit, but guys just grinded out at-bats and wore down their pitcher."

Andover scored all of its runs in the fourth inning and finished the game with seven hits. Newcomers Joe Simourian '18 and Kenny Griffin '17 batted in the team's runs, while Taylor Beckett '17 finished his first game for Andover with a hit.

Robby Cerulle '17, Co-Captains John Festa '15 and Hosman and John Simourian '16 also recorded hits.

Despite the positives in Wednesday's win, the team realizes it still needs to work on improving in order to remain competitive throughout the season. Graber said, "Our biggest challenge will be to continue to scratch and claw for runs. Our pitching is our strong point; our offense needs to keep pace."

Zager added, "I think we definitely want to work on our base running."

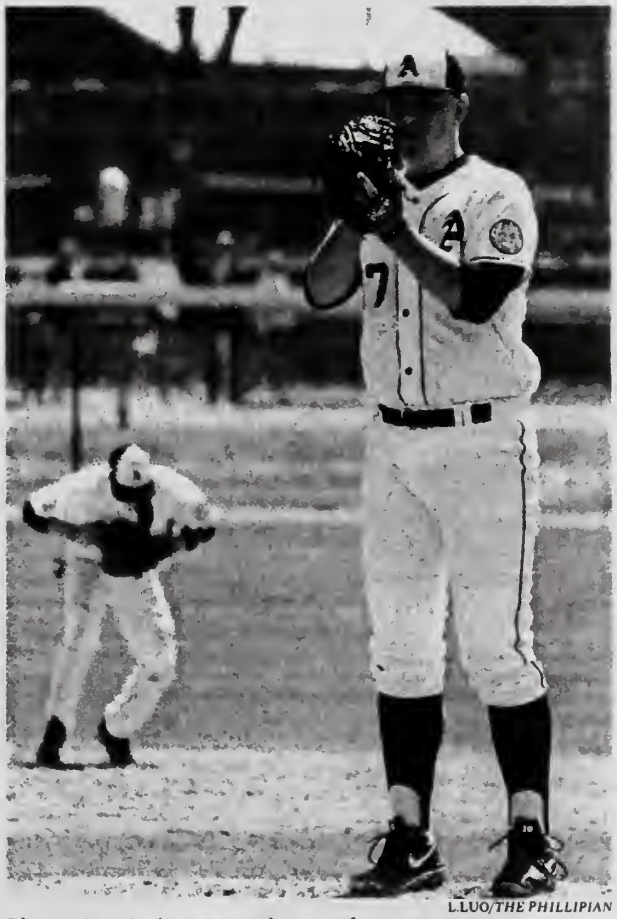
Andover will be looking to reclaim the titles it won in 2012 and 2013 after finishing last year with a 10-9 record.

A large part of the team's success will rely on confidence and a winning mentality.

Payton Jancsy '16 said, "I think our biggest challenge this season will be not beating ourselves. Last year we found ourselves getting down early in games and hanging our heads. This year if we are able to stay confident and compete when we are down we will be able to win more games."

Andover exhibited the determination it needed after going down 1-0 by the end of the first inning. The team came back in the top of the fourth with Joe Simourian's two-run double and Griffin's sacrifice grounder.

Andover's next game is against the perennially strong Belmont Hill on Friday.



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Thomas Lane '15 is an ace on the mound.

Boys Break Even After Competitive Games

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Andover Boys Baseball suffered its first loss of the season by a whopping 18-2 margin against an undefeated BB&N team last Friday.

The team went 2-2 during a week that featured a split doubleheader against Worcester, a loss against BB&N and a victory against Pingree.

Missing key players such as starting shortstop Ben Reinisch '15 and Co-Captain John Festa '15, Andover only managed four hits while committing a season-high four errors against BB&N.

"The BB&N matchup is always a tough one for us because it's a non-league game on a Friday, sandwiched between a league game on Wednesday and a league doubleheader on Saturday," explained Head Coach Kevin Graber. "Obviously we have to reserve our front-line pitching for those very important league games, which always leaves us a bit thin against BB&N, and they're always among the best teams in New England."

One of Andover's runs came from John Simourian '16, who batted in Taylor Beckett '17 with a double in the third inning, while the other run came off a passed ball in the sixth.

With Festa back in the lineup, Andover improved upon its loss the very next day, winning the first game of a doubleheader 7-5 against Worcester. Joe Simourian '18 batted in two runs, giving him a total of six R.B.I. over six games this season.

The matchup remained tightly contested until the final innings of play, with Worcester holding a 5-2 lead until the end of the fifth inning. Matt Whalen '16 and Co-Captain Matt Hosman '15 contributed crucial hits to start a rally in the sixth inning that tied the game at 5-5. The team later added two more runs in the seventh to complete the comeback.

Andover produced eight hits and took advantage of Worcester's three errors. Hosman spearheaded the attack, going 3 for 4.

Pitcher Jake Nelson '15 conceded three runs and struck out two in his first start for Andover. David Gaetano '15 relieved him in the fourth inning and gave up two runs while striking out four batters to earn the win. Veteran Thomas Lane '15 closed the game with a save and struck out one batter.

The team was unable to sweep the doubleheader, dropping the second game 11-7. Andover and Worcester both found success at the plate, finishing with nine and ten hits, respectively. Worcester started the game with bats swinging, however, and had a 7-0 lead by the end of the second inning.

R.B.I. from Festa, Joe Simourian and Robby Cerulle '17, along with two errors by Worcester, helped Andover cut its opponent's lead down to two runs, with the score at 7-5 in the middle of the fifth. Worcester, however, proceeded to drive home four more runs, making the score 11-5 with two innings left. After a scoreless sixth, Andover made a comeback effort in the seventh and scored two runs before finishing the game.

Eager to get back on a winning streak, Andover won its next game 3-2 away at Pingree. Hosman once again played an important role in the team's victory, going two for three and batting in a run to bring his season batting average to .364. John Simourian also went 2 for 3 and brought in a run for Andover, while catcher Sam Zager '15 recorded the other R.B.I. with a sacrifice ground ball.

With a record of 5-2, Andover looks to sweep Northfield Mount Hermon in its doubleheader on Saturday.

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Jake Nelson '15 will play at the University of Pennsylania next year.

Strong Hitting Blasts Andover to Victory

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By Stephan Min
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	7
NMH	2
Andover	1
NMH	0
Andover	7
Brooks	3

With two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the fourth, Taylor Beckett '17 hit a hard single to center field. His hit drove home two runs, giving Andover a 5-1 lead over Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) in its first game of a home doubleheader. Andover went on to win both games 7-2 and 4-0, respectively.

Playing its third game in three days, the team defeated Brooks 7-3 on Monday, improving its season record to 8-2. These results, along with Andover's 3-2 win over Pingree last week, pushed the team's win streak to four games.

Getting off to a slow start, Andover remained tied 1-1 against NMH until the bottom of the third inning when John Simourian '16 grounded out to score a runner from third base. After an inning-ending double play to finish the top of the fourth, the team built up its momentum on offense, tallying four hits and three runs in the bottom half of the inning. Shortstop Ben Reinisch '15 scored on an error, followed by Beckett's two-run single.

Co-Captain John Festa '15 and Beckett contributed two more runs in the bottom of the sixth, and the team tallied nine hits.

In its second game of the day, Andover once again came out on top, consistently forcing NMH to make plays. Although the team only generated four hits, all three of its R.B.I. came on sacrifice plays. NMH only managed to strike out one batter.

In the bottom of the fifth, Beckett and John Simourian both contributed sacrifice fly balls that drove in Sam Zager '15 and Joe Simourian '18, while Festa's walk with bases loaded brought another runner home. Zager scored an additional run off a wild pitch earlier in the game.

Starting pitcher Jake Nelson '15 earned the win, striking out seven batters and giving up four hits in five innings. Matt Hosman '15 relieved Nelson in the sixth and surrendered just one hit to seal the shutout and record the save.

Andover continued its offensive dominance in its next matchup against Brooks. Once again, batters actively took chances at the plate, conceding only one strikeout and forcing a whopping seven errors for the Brooks defense.

John Simourian and Joe Simourian both tallied their eighth R.B.I. of the season in Monday's victory, while Beckett batted in his fifth run of the week.

"Honestly, our pitching staff has been incredible, and they do a great job keeping us in every game. We had three games in four days and every guy in the bullpen had to step up and every one of them did. We also tightened up a little bit on offense, lessening our mistakes on the base paths and scratching runs across when we needed to," said Zager.

With its next matchup on Friday against Groton, Andover will be looking for ways to improve in order to extend its good form.

Andover Gears Up For Playoffs

By Stephan Min
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	12
Deerfield	1
Andover	2
Deerfield	3
Andover	15
Tabor	6

With no outs and bases loaded in the top of the seventh inning, Travis Lane '18 hit a hard line drive to left field to drive in two runs and up Andover Baseball's lead over Deerfield to 8-0 in the first game of its doubleheader on Saturday. Andover went on to win the game 12-1 after steady offensive production from its entire lineup. In the second game of the doubleheader, however, Andover couldn't replicate its offense and fell 3-2.

Andover capitalized on four Deerfield errors with nine hits of its own. Travis Lane and Co-Captains John Festa '15 and Matt Hosman '15 all tallied two R.B.I., while John Simourian '16, Joe Simourian '18, Robby Cerulle '17 and Payton Jancsy '16 all batted in one run apiece as well.

Andover's defense was not perfect, however, as it committed two errors, behind veteran pitcher Thomas Lane '15. Thomas Lane pitched his third complete game of the season, striking out seven batters and allowing his first earned run of the season. He currently holds a 0.22 ERA.

In the second game, the team had the tying run on base in both the sixth and seventh innings, down one run in both situations, but was unable to capitalize.

Head Coach Kevin Graber said, "Unfortunately, we weren't able to convert, although w worked on that exact situat during the week in practice."

Andover's two runs ca from hits by David Gaetano and Cerulle.

On Wednesday, the team b Tabor 16-5 in its last game of regular season.

In Andover's second meet this season, the team regair its winning ways and recorc a whopping 15 hits in the gai John Simourian led the team fensively with five R.B.I.

Sam Zager '15, Ben Reinis '15 and Hosman all contribu two R.B.I., while Cerulle, Tay Beckett '17 and Joe Simour each batted in a run as well.

Zager said, "We were relax didn't try to do too much at plate and let the ball come to Defensively, we had a few m haps, myself included, but can iron those out pretty eas and we know we've got a gr group of fielders behind a pitcher we throw."

With the regular season n over, Andover is preparing the Central New England P Baseball League Champic ships this weekend. The te is ranked as the second seed the four teams and will co pete against third seed and fending champion, Tabor, the semifinals on Saturday. T winner will play either fi seed Worcester or fourth se Cushing in the finals.

Zager added, "We knew w see [Tabor] again on Saturc for playoffs, and it was a go chance to feel out some of th pitchers, put some good swir on balls and prepare for the r test."

After winning the Champic ship back-to-back in 2012 a 2013, but falling short last ye Andover has serious motivati to reclaim the title. The tear first game starts at 10 a.m. at t New England Baseball Compl on Saturday.

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Andover Unable to Overcome Early Deficit Against Worcester

By Stephan Min
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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T - 1
A - 4
W - 11
A - 2
D - 0

Fighting for its third title in four years, third seed Andover Baseball fell 11-4 against first-seed Worcester in the Central New England Prep School League finals last weekend. The team, however, defeated Tabor 4-1 in the semifinals en route to its second place finish.

Facing off against Tabor for the third time this season, Andover tallied six hits in the matchup and did not commit any errors, with runs batted in by Travis Lane '18, first baseman Robby Cerulle '17 and Co-Captain Matt Hosman '15.

Starting pitcher Thomas Lane '15 recorded his fourth complete game of the season, holding the opposition to three hits and allowing only one earned run.

Prior to the league finals, Andover had a 1-1 record against Worcester, splitting its doubleheader against the team earlier in the season. Last weekend's competition made Worcester the only team to beat Andover twice this season.

After being held scoreless in the first five innings of the game, Andover made a comeback rally late in the game; however, the effort was not enough to overcome Worcester's 11 runs. The team ended the game with four

Catcher John Simourian '16 led the team with two R.B.I, while Taylor Beckett '17 batted in a run as well.

Pitchers Tim Salvadore '15 and Jake Nelson '15 split the game evenly on the mound, giving up five and six runs in three innings, respectively.

Sam Zager '15 said, "[Nelson] didn't get a lot of breaks in the field. Some softly hit balls fell in that just couldn't be helped, and it just created some sticky situations, pitching in tight jams."

Worcester chose to start pitcher Gus Culpo who led the team to victory against Andover earlier in the season, making him the only pitcher to record two wins against Andover this year.

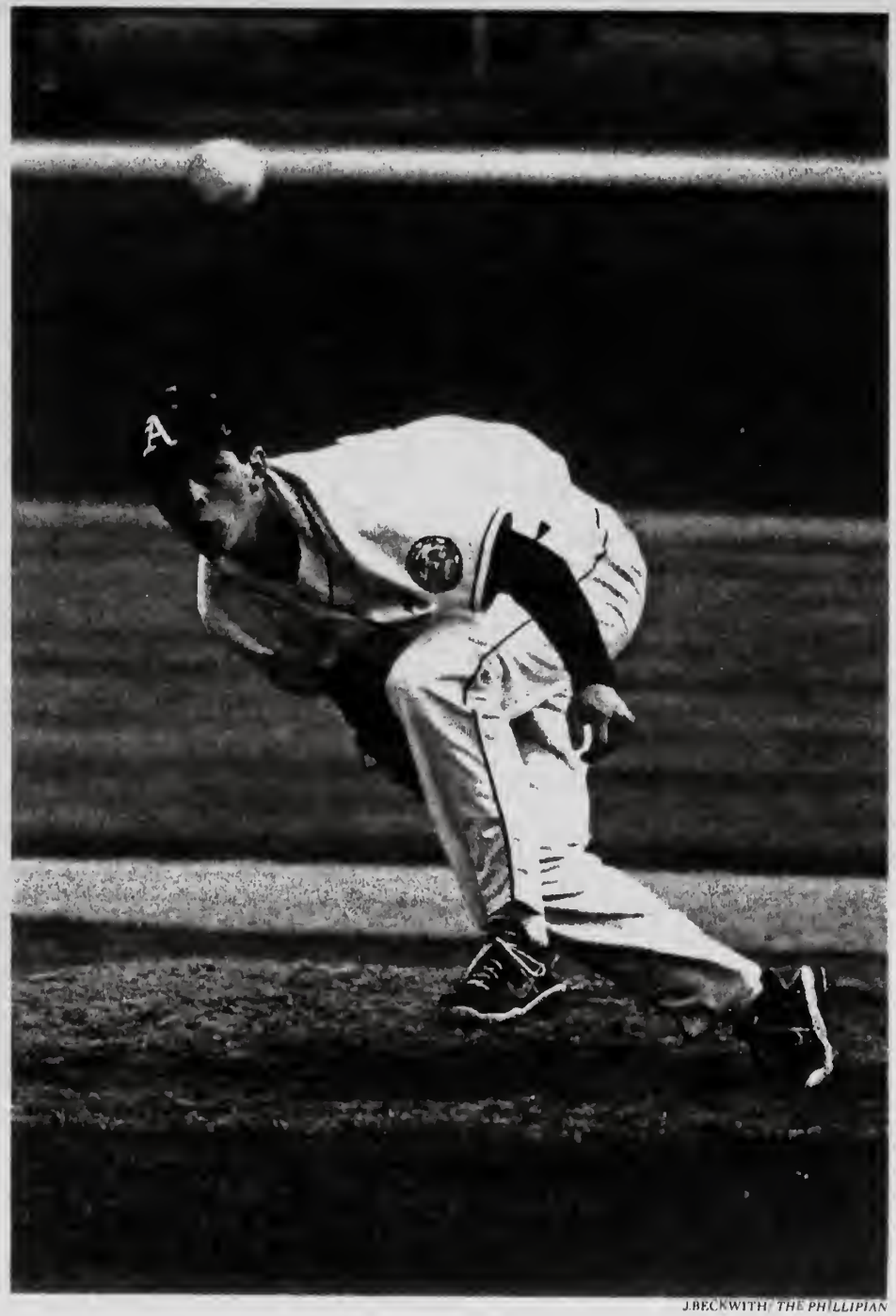
Zager spoke of Culpo after the game and said, "We didn't slow down the game at the plate, and [Culpo] got into a groove and was able to shut us down until the sixth inning where we finally broke through a little late."

After the tournament, Andover was victorious in its last home game of the season with a 2-0 shutout against Dexter.

David Gaetano '15 pitched the team's second complete game of the week, striking out eight batters and giving up five hits in the process. John Simourian and Cerulle contributed to Andover's offense, batting in the two runs of the game. The team finished the game with four hits and an error.

Gaetano said, "The changeup was really working well today. I threw it a ton, and it helped keep the hitters off balance. The defense was also terrific today. They did a great job having my back."

Andover will cap off its impressive season with a game at Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday.



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Strong Bats Bring Victory Over Exeter

By Stephan Min
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With two outs in the top of the eighth inning in Andover Baseball's nine-inning game against Phillips Exeter Academy last Saturday, four-year Senior Matt Hosman '15 came up to bat for the last time in his Andover career. He made his final plate appearance count as he drove in two runs with a line drive to left field to boost Andover to a 7-3 lead.

Hosman's two R.B.I. proved to be the last runs scored in the game and capped off Andover's impressive season with a 16-5 record.

Saturday's game marked the team's third win against Exeter this season after Andover swept its rival team in a doubleheader on May 2.

Andover finished the game with 11 hits and two errors, holding Exeter to just three hits and forcing an error. Along with Hosman, catcher John Simourian '16 also batted in two runs, while Taylor Beckett '17 and Ben Reinisch '15 each recorded an R.B.I. as well. Co-Captain John Festa '15 went three for four at the plate, spearheading the offense with Hosman.

Although the score stayed close until late in the game, Andover finally pulled away in the eighth inning to establish a four-run lead. Leadoff batter Joe Simourian '18 started the rally with a single to right field, followed by a line drive from Festa. Beckett managed to get on first with a walk, loading the bases with just one out.

John Simourian then hit a sacrifice fly to tally his second R.B.I. of the game, scoring Joe Simourian from third. Hosman proceeded to bring home the other two runners, effectively securing the result for Andover.

Catcher Sam Zager '15 said, "We wanted [the win] more. We came out with more energy, more passion, more urgency, and I think that's due in part to the bond we developed as a squad."

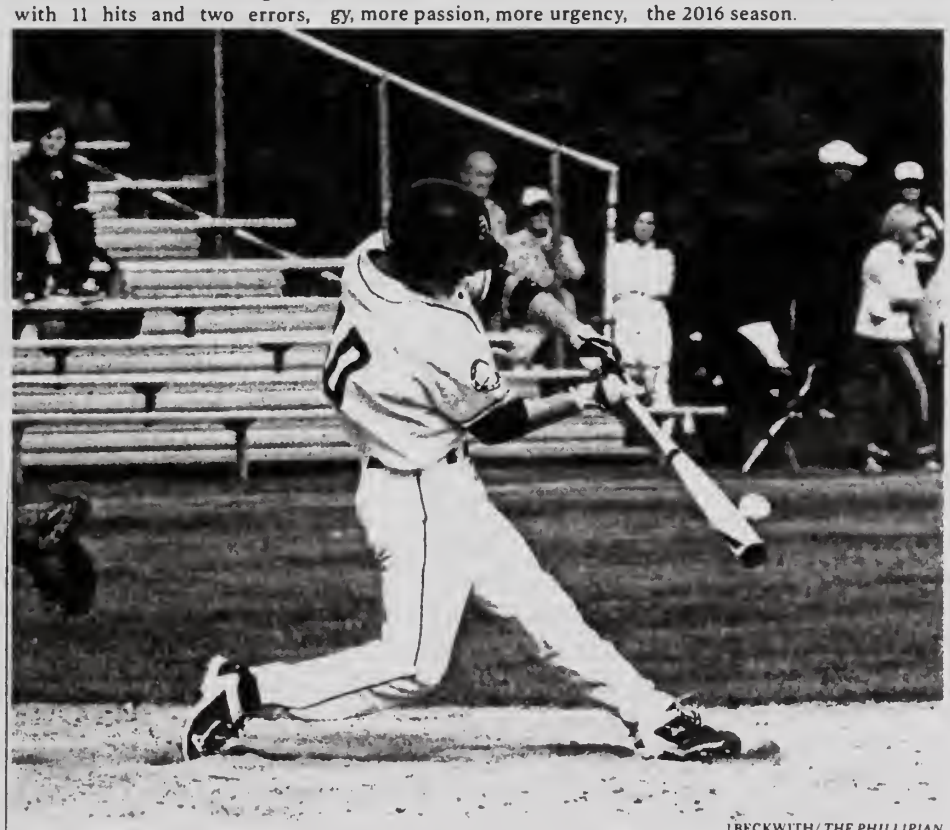
When asked what the team's mindset was like heading into Saturday's game, John Simourian simply said, "Win."

In his last start for Andover, pitcher Tim Salvadore '15 surrendered just one hit over four innings. Thomas Lane '15 took to the mound in the fifth and recorded a season-high ten strikeouts in his last appearance for the team, giving up just two hits throughout the rest of the game.

Saturday also marked the final game for the Seniors on the team and was a true display of the strong team chemistry that it developed over the season.

"I think more than ever before in my four seasons here this group was incredibly tight knit. This team was a family," said Zager.

After finishing runner up in this season's Central New England Prep Baseball League, Andover heads into the offseason motivated to prepare for the 2016 season.



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Infielder Matt Whalen '16 will step up as a leader for Andover next year.

Sport: Boys Crew

Year: 2015

Captains: Benjamin Hawley
Marc Sevastopoulo

Coach: Stewart MacDonald

Assistant Coach: Bob Moss & Jigger Herman

SEASON RECORD

WON LOST TIED

LETTER WINNERS

Beckwith, Benjamin
Bitler, Luke
Blanchard, Gabriel
Blandon, Diego
Cao, Alexander
Driscoll, Aidan
Faulkner, Nicholas
Hawley, Benjamin
Herman, James
Humphrey, William
Irvin, Robert
Kinard, Paul
Kozol, Jacob
Lane, John
Lapointe, Colby
Lian, Tyler
Little, John
Liu, Zicong
Neumann, Alfred
Norris, Dylan
Page, Carter
Pierce, Isaac
Robertson, Nicolas
Schoeller, Christina
Sevastopoulo, Marc
Sharp, Simon
Wolford, Claire

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
BOYS CREW
2015

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Beckwith, Benjamin	2015	Andover, MA	Lawlor, John	2017	Salem, NH
Bitler, Luke	2017	Roaring Gap, NC	Lee, Eric	2016	Andover, MA
Blanchard, Gabriel	2016	Andover, MA	Lian, Tyler	2016	Old Lyme, CT
Blandon, Diego	2015	New Canaan, CT	Lippey, Christian	2017	Greenwich, CT
Brother, Leo	2018	Andover, MA	Little, John	2015	Salt Lake City, UT
Cao, Alexander	2016	Cohoes, NY	Liu, Zicong	2016	Tewksbury, MA
Cavalcanti, Guilherme	2015	Florianopolis, BR	Meshnick, David	2017	Andover, MA
Cleveland, Alexander	2017	Waterford, VA	Moreland, John	2018	Andover, MA
Cortner, Andrew	2017	Andover, MA	Neumann, Alfred	2015	Point Clear, AL
Cruz Walma, Nathaniel	2018	Clarendon Hills, IL	Norris, Dylan	2016	Andover, MA
Davies, Alexander	2017	San Francisco, CA	Ofori, Gustav	2017	Bronx, NY
Driscoll, Aidan	2017	Laverock, PA	Page, Carter	2015	Glenview, IL
Early, Liam	2017	Chelmsford, MA	Pierce, Isaac	2016	Newburyport, MA
Faulkner, Nicholas	2016	Homer, AK	Robertson, Nicolas	2015	Chevy Chase, MD
Feng, Claire	2017	Andover, MA	Schoeller, Christina	2016	Concord, MA
Gilligan, Jules	2017	Dallas, TX	Sevastopoulo, Marc	2015	New York, NY
Gillis, Cameron	2017	Reading, MA	Sharp, Simon	2015	Bellevue, WA
Glover, Thomas	2018	New York, NY	Slibeck, Bennett	2017	New York, NY
Hawley, Benjamin	2015	Manchester, MA	Smith, Nathaniel	2018	Reading, MA
Herman, James	2015	Marblehead, MA	Stuer, Kory	2015	North Chelmsford, MA
Humphrey, William	2016	Lake Forest, IL	Teece, Tennyson	2015	Berkeley, CA
Irvin, Robert	2015	Prides Crossing, MA	Twomey, Jack	2017	Reading, MA
Johnson, Nathaniel	2016	Carpentersville, IL	Williams, Robert	2017	New Canaan, CT
Kinard, Paul	2015	Lexington, MA	Williamson, Justin	2016	Naperville, IL
Kozol, Jacob	2015	North Andover, MA	Wolford, Claire	2015	Erie, PA
Lane, John	2015	New Canaan, CT	Xuan, Lucius	2015	Andover, MA
Lapointe, Colby	2016	Kennebunk, ME	Yung, Victor	2018	Greenwich, CT
Lata, Colin	2017	Toronto, ON	Zuker, Jared	2018	Aspen, CO

Coach: Stuart MacDonald
Assistant Coach: Bob Moss, Jigger Herman
Managers: Elizabeth Lathem, Skyler Sallick, Lucius Xuan, Jules Gilligan, Korey Stuer

Boys Crew Schedule
Spring 2015

Record

April 4, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Race vs. Glastonbury	H
April 11, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Race vs. Kent	A
April 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Race vs. Exeter	A
April 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Race vs. Salisbury, BC High and Brunswick	A
May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Race vs. St. Paul's	H
May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Race vs. Tabor, Exeter and NMH	H
May 16, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Race vs. Belmont Hill and Hingham	H
May 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM	Interscholastics @ Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, MA	A

row2k results
High School/Scholastic: Exeter/Andover Invitational - Boys Eights
April 18, 2015; Lake Quinsigamond

Submitted by Anthony Genna.

Distance: 1500m
Conditions: Winds varied throughout, but always come from the tail, sometimes with a slight cross tail. Winds probably in the 10-15mph range at times. The Boys 3V started 20m before the start line, the boys 2v started 20m past the start, and the boys 1V started 10m past.
Comments: Thank you to all of the crews who came out. Many of the crews were missing rowers due to ACTs, but racing was still very exciting.

Results

Varsity 8:

Andover	4:26.2
Brookline	4:26.5
Exeter	4:33.5
St. John's	4:35.9
Simsbury	4:41.6
NMH	4:42.1
Shrewsbury	4:54.5

2nd Varsity 8:

St. John's	4:41.7
Brookline	4:44.1
Andover	4:44.7
Exeter	4:45.3
Simsbury	4:57.5
Shrewsbury	5:07.2

3rd Varsity 8:

St. John's	4:59.1
Brookline	5:07.3
Exeter	5:11.6
Simsbury	5:15.7
Shrewsbury	5:35.7

4th Varsity 8:

Andover	5:07.7
Brookline	5:16.2
St. John's	5:17.1
Shrewsbury	5:25.5

row2k results
High School/Scholastic: Phillips Andover Boys vs. Belmont Hill, Shrewsbury, and Hingham
May 16, 2015; Merrimack River (Methuen)

Submitted by Brendan Mackinson.

Distance: 1500 meters
Conditions: Negligible tail current. Light tailwind increasing slightly throughout the day.
Comments: In the B6 4+ race, Hingham caught three crabs during the course of the race.
Many thanks to Belmont Hill, Shrewsbury, and Hingham for a great day of racing!

Results

B5:

Phillips Andover	5:46
Hingham	5:49
Belmont Hill	5:57
Shrewsbury	6:13

B4:

Phillips Andover	5:28
Belmont Hill	5:38
Shrewsbury	5:38.9
Hingham	5:46

B1:

Phillips Andover	4:46
Hingham	4:51
Shrewsbury	5:23

B3:

Phillips Andover	5:05
Belmont Hill	5:23
Hingham	5:27
Shrewsbury	5:53

Experienced Boat Looks to Repeat at Interschols

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Last year, Andover Boys Crew 'ercame a rocky start to the sea- n, eventually rowing to a B1 first- ace finish at Interschols (NEI- A) Championships at the last race the year, avenging its sixth place ıish from the previous season ith a season best time of 4:20.1.

Despite the B2 boat starting the ason with four straight wins, the boat struggled to perform, suf- ring a frustrating string of second ace finishes.

With a 1-3 record four races to the season, B1 embarked on a inning streak when Head Coach ewart MacDonald altered the ıeups of the Varsity boats and lded a bucket seat into the B1 at, meaning that rowers in seats ur and five both rowed starboard stead of one port and one star- ard.

The team unfortunately lost valuable rowers such as Grant Bitler '14, Cooper Hurley '14, Rome Arnold '14, Chandler Washburn '16 and B1 coxswain Jake Rauh '14. The team's dedicated Co-Captains Marc Sevastopoulo '15 and Ben Hawley '15, however, are more than capable of leading Andover on a quest for another championship.

"Across all four grades of rowers, the goal is to take home as many gold medals as possible at the end of the season. The [NEIRA] team trophy is especially important to us, because it shows Andover's capacity to introduce kids to the sport, develop them as rowers, and send them to the championship. We've won that trophy six out of the last eight years, and that's something that every single member of the program can be proud of," said Sevastopoulo.

In addition, Rob Irvin '15, Nick Faulkner '16, Dylan Norris '16 and Jake Taylor '16 are returning Varsity rowers who will be essential to the boats' success. These rowers have the experience and ability to make for a strong season.

This season will be MacDonald's second year of coaching at Andover, but his experience reaches far beyond prep school. At 5'5", MacDonald was a gifted coxswain, as he led a pair in the 1968 Summer Olympics as well as the 1972 Olympics, where he coxed in the four event for the United States Olympic Rowing team.

MacDonald has had equal success as a coach. Perhaps one of his greatest achievements in his coaching career was helping the U.S. win the silver medal in the coxed four, coxless four, and eights events in the 1984 Olympics.

The team has been impressed by MacDonald's extensive knowledge of the sport and precision to exact each rower's technique on the water.

The team hopes to defend last year's first place finish at NEIRA and will strive to beat its viable rivals, such as Kent and Phillips Exeter Academy. B1 and B2 will also look out for the ambitious teams that finished close on Andover's tail last year, such as Boston College High, the reigning B2 New England Champions, and Brunswick.

Exeter always gives Andover Boys Crew a tough fight all the way through the finish line and has proved itself to be a difficult team to beat. In Andover's first race against Exeter last season, B2 finished victorious, while B1 came in second out of seven teams to Exeter. Later in the season, however, B1 solidified a first place finish against the previously undefeated Exeter boat and Tabor.

Every year, the team typically kicks off the season with a race against Kent, which has historically resulted in a loss for Andover. This year, however, the team will be much more prepared thanks t a preseason trip.

Head Coach Dale Hurley of th girls team and MacDonald brougl along 18 rowers from both the boy and girls team to spend a week o the river in Oak Ridge, TN. It wa a beneficial experience for th rowers, as the river was exclusive ly built to promote rowing. Th coaches focused on improving th rowers' technique after montl off the water. The athletes did fa pieces alongside each other on th 2000-Meter race course to buil power and strength.

Armed with confidence an strength, the Boys are eager t take on Simsbury, Glastonbury an Essex at home on April 4 as goo preparation for Kent the followin weekend.

"As seniors, we want to do som thing that we can be proud of eve after we graduate," said Seva topoulo.

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Co-Captain Marc Sevastopoulo '15 (far right) and Dylan Norris '16 (second from right) look to lead the team as experienced returners.

Kent Edges Andover in Windy Conditions

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

This past Saturday, Andover oys Crew raced down Kent's inding home course alongside e strong rival boats. Unfortuately, Kent's dominant speed revailed, edging Andover out y less than two seconds and ashing Andover's chance at aiming the coveted Dent Oars.

In windy conditions, Kent iled across the finish line in a otably fast time of 4:22.0 with ndover on its tail in 4:23.7.

Gabe Blanchard '16, Nick aulkner '16, Jack Lane '15, ylan Norris '16, Ben Hawley 5, Marc Sevastopoulo '15, Niolas Robertson '15 and Rob Irn '15 made up the experienced 1 crew. The only non-returning Varsity rower was Blanchard.

The start of a race can determine the final outcome, and this Saturday proved no exception. Kent surged ahead of Andover by about three seats within the first 15 strokes. Andover's rowers, however, used their weeks of winter training to gain momentum and stay neck and neck for the majority of the race.

While Irvin kept the stroke rate at about 34 strokes per minute, Kent's B1 was rowing at about 37 strokes per minute. Even though the speed ultimately pulled Kent ahead in the final stretch of the race, Andover showed greater raw power since they stayed even with Kent with a lower stroke rate.

Andover is confident that this power will help its team in the long run, as capturing speed will ultimately come from training at higher strokes per minute ratings.

Lane said, "There was also a lot lacking in our sprint. We didn't jack the rating up together, the set fell apart and there was a general frantic air about it. They walked away pretty convincingly in that last segment, which was tough to see."

As for B2, Kent glided through the finish line in 4:22.7 with Andover following in 4:27.8. B2 was led by coxswain Christina Schoeller '16 and stroke seat Tyler Lian '16.

Unlike B1, B2 kicked off the race to a good start, getting ahead of Kent. While making a sharp turn in the middle of the course, Kent saw its chance to pull ahead on Andover's seats.

Kent's move turned out to be too much for Andover to make a comeback despite its best efforts. The B2 crew also kept its rating relatively low, staying steady at 32 strokes per minute for the majority of the race.

Diego Blandon '15, who rowed on B2, said, "There was no sense of urgency, whether we were up or down. The entire race felt flat."

The level of rivalry is consistently intense when these two teams meet. Historically, this race has resulted in a loss for Andover. Even though Andover is disappointed with the outcome, Kent can always bring out Andover's competitive side. The team will work hard in practice in hopes to redeem its loss later in the season wh the two schools meet again.

Lane added, "As Coach H ley said, 'We go to Kent to fi out what fast is,' and we h a lot to work on. It wasn't best race, but there was a a lot that was good, and very hopeful about the rest the season. When we find swing, we will fly. We can't w for the trip to Lake Quinsi mond on Saturday, where will take on Exeter in the fi of the season's three clashes.'

This Saturday, Andover w travel to Worcester Aca my where it will race agai six other schools in hopes avenge its loss.

en Hawley '15 and Rob Irvin '15 lead B1.

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B1 Leaves Exeter in its Wake

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

At the Andover-Exeter Invitational on Saturday, B1 of Andover Boys Crew steadily rowed in fourth place for the first 250 meters, before making a powerful move to push into the lead for the remainder of the race, gliding across the finish line in first place in 4:26.2.

With crosswinds manipulating the direction of the boats, the race took place on the straight course on Lake Quinsigamond at Worcester Academy against Brookline, St. John's High School, Simsbury, Shrewsbury and Phillips Academy Exeter.

B1 was ecstatic to win first place against such competitive teams, especially with many Varsity rowers missing due to the ACT exams, which also took place on Saturday morning. With new line-ups for all the boats across the board, the rowers were unsure of what the outcome would be.

Robert Irvin '15, Nicolas Robertson '15 and coxswain Jacob Kozul '15 led B1 in the stern. Following the stern pair were Marc Sevastopoulo '15, Benjamin Hawley '15, Jack Lane '15, Carter Page '15, Gabe Blanchard '16 and Miles Neumann '15 in the bow.

Brookline came in right on Andover's tail at 4:26.2, Exeter in third at 4:33.5 and St. John's in fourth place in 4:35.9.

"It was a great performance. Given that we were missing twelve people, I thought every boat did a great job. It felt really good to beat Exeter with open water, but Brookline felt a little too close for comfort. We are looking forward to seeing them again later in the season and really confirm the results from this past weekend," said Robertson.

B2 was led by coxswain Christina Schoeller '16, followed by Simon Sharp '15, Benjamin Beckwith '16, James Herman '15, Aidan Driscoll '17, Tora Liu '16, John Little '15, Luke Bitler '17 and Colby Lapointe '16.

B2 took off with a fast start of 38 strokes per minute for the first 500 meters. That speed was not enough, however, as it began to fall, giving Andover a tough fight. Schoeller instructed thirty strokes for the boat to get into gear and focus, as this lineup was new to the rowers.

Then, with 500 meters until the finish line, the boys darted to catch up to the schools in front of them. The crew sprinted the last 250 meters, gaining distance, to finish in third place at 4:44.7.

In first place was St. John's at 4:41.7, in second was Brookline in 4:44.1 and Exeter in fourth at 4:45.3.

Driscoll said, "We did not have a very good start. Our timing was not very good for the first five hundred meters. We improved in the middle five hundred but it just was not good enough. At this point we were down on Exeter, Brookline, and St. John's. We gained distance back on Exeter during our sprint, and I think that if we were more together during the start and the first 500, we could have gotten at least second place."

B3 did not row in the invitational due to the number of students taking the ACT exams.

COURTESY OF ANDOVER CREW

B1 glided to first place, beating out its five opponents.

Tailwind Leads to Mixed Results

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Boys Crew journeyed to Connecticut on Saturday to compete in a double dual against the crew teams from Salisbury School, Boston College (BC) High School and Brunswick School. The sunny skies on Lake Washinee on Saturday were deceiving, for high swirling winds and the rough waves created harsh racing conditions. The race course was straight, but the tailwinds made it difficult for boats to stay in their lanes, leading to mixed results for B1, B2 and B3.

B1 kicked off the day with a rocky start in the first round against Salisbury. Led by coxswain Jacob Kozol '15, the boat glided across the race course in 4:24.5, close behind Salisbury in 4:22.3.

With only a short break before the second round against BC High, the rowers amplified their determination in preparation for the next race.

"The first race did not go as we wanted it to, because we weren't really into it. We did not have the motivation that we needed to win. After the loss to Salisbury, we got really mad at ourselves. We did not drive three hours one way to lose, so we used all of our anger to bring it to BC High. We started out with a high rating start and just walked lengths on them until we crossed the finish line," said Dylan Norris '16, B1's fourth seat.

The crew proved itself by bringing sheer hard work to the table, finishing in 4:25.2 and earning an open water gap between BC High, who finished in 4:35.1.

Coxswain Christina Schoeller '16 took charge on B2 in the Mytilene boat with Simon Sharp '15 and Aidan Driscoll '17 in the stern pair. Following behind them were Diego Blandon '15, Carter Page '15, Tora Liu '16, William Humphrey '16, Tyler Lian '16 and Miles Neumann '15.

B2 fought all the way through the finish line during its first round in 4:37.8, with Salisbury finishing only slightly behind it in 4:38.1. Although the rowers were happy about the win, the race seemed to take up the majority of their energy.

Round two did not end in B2's favor as it took on the ambitious Brunswick crew. Andover finished in 4:43.8, trailing behind Brunswick with a time of 4:34.1.

Humphrey said, "Despite the conditions, the Mytilene rowed exceptionally well. Beating Salisbury and moving to the finals, we were out-rowed by a strong Brunswick crew. We are all looking forward to getting another chance to beat them."

B3 took on Salisbury for its first race of the day. The crew strategically rowed at a lower stroke rating than Salisbury in order to conserve energy for its second round. The rowers' long, unified and powerful strokes put them in the lead at the start of the race up until the finish line, beating out Salisbury with a time of 4:58.7 to Salisbury's 5:04.4.

Despite its best efforts, B3 struggled through the second round against BC High. BC High quickly took the lead on the start. Not giving in easily, Andover picked up the pace and managed to gain six seats on BC High during the middle of the race.

In a move that surprised Andover, BC High started its sprint with 500 meters to go, an extremely early distance for a crew to begin its final sprint. By the time Andover could react, it was too late, and BC High had taken back those six seats to finish in 4:43.1, with Andover following behind in 4:46.6.

Andover Boys Crew will race on its home water against St. Paul's and Community Rowing, Inc., this Saturday, hungry for a first place finish.

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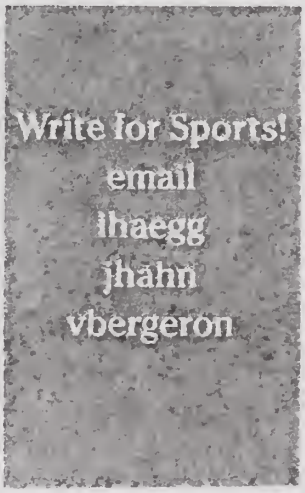

B1 Triumphs over Exeter on Home Course

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Saturday, Andover Boys Co-Captains Ben Hawley nd Marc Sevastopoulo '15 lly held the Andover/Exeter ıy over their heads in front nily and friends at the Wil-H. Brown Boathouse.

llips Exeter Academy, ıfield Mount Hermon H) and Tabor all journeyed to Andover's race course on the beautiful Saturday afternoon, and Andover emerged victorious in a close meet.

B1 started the day off with an intense, one-second win over Exeter in 4:47 and a four-second win over NMH. The boat had the same lineup as last week of coxswain Jacob Kozol '15, stroke Rob Irvin '15, Sevastopoulo, Hawley, Dylan Norris '16, Jack Lane '15, Nick Faulkner '16 and Gabe Blanchard '16.

B2's lineup consisted of coxswain Christina Schoeller '16, Diego Blandon '15 and Aidan Driscoll '17 in the stern pair. Behind them were Tora Liu '16, Will Humphrey '16, Alex Cao '16, Carter Page '15, Tyler Lian '16 and Miles Neumann '15 in the bow.

B2 got off to a strong start but struggled halfway through the race and allowed Exeter to take the lead. Andover failed to recover after relinquishing the lead and ultimately came in second place by three seconds with a time of 5:01. Tabor came in third place in 5:02, and NMH came in fourth in 5:16.

"B2 struggled with the middle 500 meters of the race. Though it was upsetting to lose to Exeter, Saturday's loss highlighted areas of our race we need to work on. We'll face off against Exeter and many other schools again at the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association (NEIRA) Championships in two weeks. We'll be sure to get them then,' said Page.

Andover's B3 finished in 5:00 to claim first place by about one boat length of water. Exeter followed in second place in 5:05, then Tabor in 5:20 and NMH in 5:22.

B3 rower Paul Kinard '15 said, "We didn't know how fast Exeter or Tabor were, so there was a lot of nervous energy in the boat. When we got on the water, we saw Exeter's B3 was rowing an Empacher, which is the same brand of rowing shell that is used in the Olympics. At the start of the race, the boats were staggered. Tabor was four seats ahead of us, and Exeter was four seats ahead of them. After the first 20 strokes we were even with Tabor, and then, by 500 meters into the race, we were even with Exeter. We moved incredibly fast those first 500 meters."

Kinard added, "After that we walked about two seat lengths on them every hundred meters. We left Tabor in our wake. Exeter tried to make up the distance they were losing but to no avail. After each move, they would become increasingly tired and fall further behind. We finally crossed the finish line with open water on Exeter and the others far enough behind that I forget the distance."

Andover will focus on its identified areas for improvement as it competes against Hingham and Shrewsbury on Saturday in its final race before NEIRAs.

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ed out Exeter by just one second last weekend.

Boys Sweep in Tri-Meet

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Boys Crew swept Belmont Hill, Shrewsbury and Hingham for its final race on the Merrimack on Sunday. Not only was this the last race on the Merrimack, but it also marked the last race of the season for all boats except 1-3, who will continue on to Interschols next week.

With this in mind, every rower ensured that they were on their A game to bring home a sweep for the team. Emotions ran high, especially amongst Seniors, who were racing for the final time on their home course.

The racing conditions were ideal, with a temperature of 70 degrees and only a light tailwind of about 10 miles perh to help carry Boys Crew to the finish line.

Coxswain Jacob Kozul '15 and stern pair Robert Irvin '15 and Nico Robertson '15 led B1 on Saturday. Behind them were Benjamin Hawley '15, Dylan Norris '16, Jack Lane '15, Nick Faulkner '16, and Gabe Blanchard '16. Andover glided across the finish line first in 4:46 at about a full boat length in front of Hingham, who finished in 4:51. Shrewsbury claimed third in 5:23.

"The race this weekend was a lot tougher than we expected it to be. We didn't believe we had much competition... It turned out Shrewsbury came to race and was definitely a close competitor. Nonetheless, we still rowed very hard and found new rhythm to the boat. We are gearing up for some tough competition this weekend at the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championship Regatta (NEIRAs) and hope to repeat last year," said Norris.

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B1 took home a victory in preparation for NEIRAs.

The B3 crew consisted of Colby Lapointe '16, Luke Bitler '17, Isaac Pierce '16, Jake Herman '15, Aidan Driscoll '17, Paul Kinard '15, John Little '15, Simon Sharp '15, and coxswain Claire Wolford '15. B3 took another open water win with a time of 5:05. Hingham finished in 5:27 and Shrewsbury trailed behind in 5:53.

Bitler said, "We took an early lead right at the start and never looked back. Our goal was more about making the race our last dress rehearsal before NEIRAs. B3 is starting to come together nicely."

Last to race, the pressure to sweep did not faze B2. With coxswain Christina Schoeller '16 leading the B2 crew, from bow to stern it sat Miles Neumann '15, Tyler Lian '16, William Humphrey' 16, Alex Cao '16, Carter Page '15, T Liu '16, Benjamin Be with '15, and Diego Bl don '15. Andover came in first in 5:03. It had o water on the other bo as Hingham came in s ond in 5:14, and Shre bury in third in 5:17.

Next week, B1, B2 B3 will taper to prepare the most important rac the season, NEIRAs. I year at NEIRAs, Andc won the Team Trophy the third time in four ye thanks to second place ishes from B2 and B3 a first place finish fr B1. Andover looks to bu upon its upward mom tum from Saturday's sw to replicate last seas success.

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Boys Earn Second Place Team Trophy

By Whitney Garden
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After investing months of hard work in preparation for the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association (NEIRA) Regatta, Andover Boys Crew's most-anticipated moment arrived on Saturday.

In the Championship race, Andover's B1 propelled from the starting line to stay even with Kent, Salisbury and Boston College High School (BC High) through the final sprint of the race. The boat crossed the finish line just 0.3 seconds behind Kent to take second place with a time of 4:24.0.

B1 rower Jack Lane '15 said, "NEIRAs was a heartbreakingly close race for us. Kent got us by an amazingly small margin, and those three tenths of a second were all that stood between us and a second consecutive Championship. We were all disappointed. But in situations like this, you just have to be philosophical about it and understand that sometimes it goes your way and sometimes it doesn't."

B1, the third seed in the regatta, consisted of coxswain Jacob Kozol '15, Rob Irvin '15, Nicolas Robertson '15, Co-Captain Marc Sevastopoulo '15, Co-Captain Ben Hawley '15, Dylan Norris '16, Lane, Nick Faulkner '16 and Gabe Blanchard '16. It finished first in its preliminary heat in 4:35.3.

Andover's B2 entered the regatta as the fifth seed. Determined to prove itself, the boat came in first place in its qualifying heat in a time of 4:46.0. The boat included coxswain Christina Schoeller '16, Diego Blandon '15, Carter Page '15, Tora Liu '16, Isaac Pierce '16, Alex Cao '16, Will Humphrey '16, Tyler Lian '16 and Miles Neumann '15.

In the Grand Final, B2 started its sprint a full boat length behind St. Paul's and Exeter and proceeded to pull ahead. Although Andover could not quite catch up to Kent in 4:33 and BC High in 4:36, Andover gained a huge amount of distance in a short period of time to win the bronze medal in 4:38.

On B3, Claire Wolford '15 coxed Simon Sharp '15, John Little '15, Paul Kinard '15, Aidan Driscoll '17, Jake Herman '15, Colby Lapointe '16, Luke Bitler '17 and Ben Beckwith '15. In the preliminary race, B3 secured a second place finish in 4:49 behind Kent in 4:47.

In the Grand Final, Andover took the lead with one minute left in the race. Seeming like Andover would claim the gold medal, BC High caught up to Andover with about 30 seconds left to take first place. Finishing just one second behind BC High's time of 4:43, B3 clinched second place.

"All of us in the third boat went into the final race without any expectations other than to leave it all out on the water and have no regrets. I think we did just that, and medaling was a great bonus," said Lapointe.

At the end of the regatta, Andover Boys Crew was awarded the second place Team Trophy alongside gold medalist Kent.

The team will continue to train through the end of June to prepare for the Henley Royal Regatta in London, one of the most prestigious races in the world. Andover plans to take one eight boat and one coxed four. Competing at Henley will be an enriching experience for Andover's rowers and will give them a chance to seek retributive wins against the teams that they lost to during the season on the River Thames.

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Andover's B1 and four members from B2 have been invited to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta in England in June.

Sport: Girls Crew

Year: 2015

Captains: Elizabeth Kemp & Qiqi Ren

Coach: Dale Hurley

Assistant Coach: Catherine Kemp, Yue Cao & Brandon MacKinson

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Allen, Adrienne
Allen Alessandra
Berkley, Isabella
Brady, Lila
Brown, Sofie
Cavanaugh, Cara
Chazen, Charlotte
Conklin, Janet
Duserick, Elizabeth
Folz, Marina
Garden, Whitney
Glover, Claire
Hannam, Grace
Hawley, Samantha
Irvin, Elizabeth
Kemp, Elizbeth
Kim, Rhaime
Krakauer, Amanda
Kuhn, Vienna
Marcus, Julia
Mesler, Evelyn
Ren, Qiqi
Roberts, Alex Maree
Roberts, Lauryn
Santoro, Katherine
Tao, Claire
Unsworth, Olivia
Yonkman, Fiona
Zimmer, Anna

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GIRLS CREW
2015

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Allen, Adrienne	2016	Meredith, NH	Kim, Jenna	2017	London, ENG
Allen, Alessandra	2016	Meredith, NH	Kim, Rhaime	2015	Seoul, KOR
Baumgardt, Sydney	2016	Evergreen, CO	Ko, Kalina	2017	North Andover, MA
Berkley, Isabella	2015	London,ENG	Krakauer, Amanda	2015	Phoenix, AZ
Bidwell, Alexandra	2017	Santa Barbara, CA	Kubo, Arisa	2018	Tokyo, Japan
Blandon, Paloma	2017	New Canaan, CT	Kuhn, Vienna	2016	San Diego, CA
Brady, Lila	2018	Yarmouth, ME	Langr, Sarah	2018	Bozeman, MT
Brokaw, Olivia	2018	Locust Valley, NY	Latham, Elizabeth	2016	Wayne, PA
Brown, Sofie	2018	Sudbury, MA	Loumidis, Alexandra	2018	Sudbury, MA
Cambron, Anna	2018	Louisville, KY	Marcus, Julia	2015	Greenwich, CT
Cavanaugh, Cara	2015	North Andover, MA	Matses, Alexa	2018	Boxford, MA
Chazen, Charlotte	2015	New York, NY	Mesler, Evelyn	2017	Andover, MA
Clayton, Clementene	2018	Seoul, Korea	Miller, Soleil	2017	North Andover, MA
Conklin, Janet	2017	Norwood, NJ	Munn, Paulina	2015	Owings Mills, MD
Corwin, Caroline	2017	Reading, MA	Ndiokho, Emily	2018	Allen, TX
Duserick, Elizabeth	2016	Arlington, MA	Olsen, Kaela	2018	Georgetown, MA
Eldracher, Emelie	2018	Andover, MA	Paris, Lydia	2017	North Andover, MA
Evans, Janneke	2018	New York, NY	Ren, Qiqi	2015	Portland, OR
Farmer, Juliette	2018	Orleans, MA	Roberts, Alex-Maree	2016	Roseau, DOM
Folz, Marina	2015	New York, NY	Roberts, Lauryn	2017	New Rochelle, NY
Gao, Martha	2017	Shanghai, CHN	Sallick, Skyler	2017	Westport, CT
Garden, Whitney	2017	Greenwich, CT	Santoro, Katherine	2015	North Andover, MA
Glover, Claire	2016	Andover, MA	Saxena, Juhi	2016	Florham Park, NJ
Goulas, Alexa	2018	Windham, NH	Singh, Oona	2016	Dubai, ARE
Griffiths, Nathalie	2016	Stonington, CT	Stewart, Allegra	2018	Brooklyn, NY
Guvelioglu, Lara	2016	Istanbul, TUR	Tall, Kayla	2018	Bad Homburg, DEU
Hannam, Grace	2017	London, ENG	Tao, Claire	2016	Basking Ridge, NJ
Hawley, Samantha	2016	Manchester, MA	Timken, Emma	2018	Canton, OH
Hunt, Marina	2017	New York, NY	Unsworth, Olivia	2015	Belvedere, CA
Ilikkal, Nadha	2017	Andover, MA	Wain, Laurel	2017	Milton, MA
Irvin, Elizabeth	2017	Prides Crossing, MA	Wang, Katherine	2017	Demarest, NJ
Jarden, Tessa	2016	Wilmington, NC	Yeh, Natalie	2017	Shanghai, CHN
Jauregui, Isabel	2017	Inglewood, CA	Yonkman, Fiona	2016	Providence, RI
Katarincic, Molly	2018	Pittsburgh, PA	Zheng, Iris	2018	Lynnfield, MA
Kemp, Elizabeth	2015	Greenwich, CT	Zimmer, Anna	2017	North Andover, MA

Coach: Dale Hurley
Assistant Coach: Catherine Kemp, Yue Cao, Brandan MacKinson

Girls Crew Schedule
Spring 2015

Record

April 4, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Race vs. Glastonbury and Simsbury High	H
April 11, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Race vs. Kent	A
April 18, 2015 at 1:00 PM	Andover/Exeter Invitational	A
May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Race vs. St. Paul's	H
May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Race vs. Tabor, Exeter and NMH	H
May 16, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Race vs. Hingham	H
May 23, 2015 at 8:00 AM	Interscholastics @ Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, MA	A

row2k results
High School/Scholastic: Exeter/Andover Invitational - GirlsEights
April 18, 2015; Lake Quinsigamond

Submitted by Anthony Genna.

Distance: 1500m
Conditions: Winds were variable, but always from the tail, some times with a bit of a cross tail. Probably 10-15mph.
Comments: Thank you to all crews who came to race. Many teams were missing rowers due to ACTs.

Results

Varsity 8:

Andover	4:54.9
Simsbury	5:06.3
NMH	5:08.4
Brookline	5:10.1
Boston Latin	5:15.0
Exeter	5:30.0
Shrewsbury	5:32.3

2nd Varsity 8:

Andover	5:18.3
Simsbury	5:26.3
NMH	5:29.1
Brookline	5:31.6
Boston Latin	5:43.8
Shrewsbury	5:45.3

3rd Varsity 8:

Andover 3V	5:29.2
Exeter	5:30.3
Simsbury	5:38.2
Andover 4V	5:48.7
Shrewsbury	5:52.3
Boston Latin	6:05.4
Brookline	6:09.0

row2k results
High School/Scholastic: Phillips Andover Girls vs. Shrewsbury and Hingham
May 16, 2015; Merrimack River (Methuen)

Submitted by Brendan Mackinson.

Distance: 1500 meters
Conditions: Negligible tail current. Light tailwind increasing slightly throughout the day.
Comments: In the G5 race, Hingham caught a crab at the finish line. In the G3 race, Hingham caught an overhead crab at 600m in. Thank you to Hingham and Shrewsbury for a great day of racing!

Results

G6:		G5:	
Phillips Andover	6:41.8	Phillips Andover	6:08.4
Hingham	7:02.2	Hingham	6:35.6

G4:		G1:	
Phillips Andover	6:09.9	Hingham	5:27.4
Hingham	6:13.2	Phillips Andover	5:29.5
Shrewsbury	6:37.5	Shrewsbury	6:06.7

Girls Hope Preseason Efforts Lead to Quick Start

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

r Dale Hurley, Head Coach ndover Girls Crew, March 12 ked the beginning of a week- trip away from the still-frozen rimack River and what re- ed of the 108 inches of snow fell in the Boston area this win-

r the next 19 hours, Hurley e away from the New England ate towards Oak Ridge, Tennes- There, he met around 40 row- or a six-day preseason camp.

is year marked the first year Andover Girls Crew made the eason trip to Tennessee. Led o-Captains Elizabeth Kemp '15 Qiqi Ren '15, the team looks to ove on its 1-6 record last season claim a long-awaited victory at New England Interscholastic ing Association Champion- s (NEIRA's).

st year, G1 finished the season a 1-6 record and placed 5th at RA's. G2 also placed 5th at NEI- , but had a 2-5 record. G3 fared r than the top two boats with record and a third place finish EIRA's.

can remember the exact mo- t we crossed that 2000 meter last year in the finals," wrote p in an email to *The Phillipian*. at has stuck with me and the in front of and behind me [in oat] all year is the feeling that ould have done more. There is ing that motivates you more a feeling of being so close to goal and it slipping away from

ter undergoing intense training nnessee, the team hopes to get a quick start. There is a sense of optimism about the season due to the hard work that the team put in during preseason.

"As a coxswain, I believe that this trip was a huge success for our team," wrote Katherine Santoro '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*. "We were all able to spend several hours each day honing our technical precision and focus. With such a prolonged winter, we stand the risk of losing ground compared to our competitors in warmer climates. But from my seat in the boat, I could see the incredible progress we made."

Because frigid weather forced the cancellation of Andover's preseason on the Merrimack, the trip to Tennessee became even more important.

Coach Hurley said, "When we came back for [Andover] preseason, we were only able to practice on the ergometers, which was not ideal, so we had to do what we could on the ergometers. The erg hampered us technically, so we were focusing on different things that were going to help us when we got back on the water."

"It will be hard to focus on technique for the first couple weeks with the water so high this year," said Vienna Kuhn '16, who rowed on G1 last year. "I think as a team we need to focus on using all of our strengths together, rather than focusing on individuals. A boat that works well together can easily beat a stronger boat that is disconnected."

Coach Hurley acknowledged that the team has a number of formidable opponents this year.

"It is pretty standard. The big teams this year will be Exeter and Kent. Kent is our second race this season, and they will be very fast," he said.

He also recognized St. Paul's and Hingham as strong opponents. "Those teams are the four that beat us last year and those are the ones we are going after now," he said.

Ren has high expectations for all of the Seniors on the team. "We did not lose too many Seniors this year, so I think we will continue to be very strong, especially since we have a strong Senior class this year," she said.

This strength from the Senior class, combined with an infusion of talented underclassmen, sets Andover up for a season of improvement, inching closer and closer to its competitors.

"I foresee us doing better than we did last year," said Hurley. "The experience wasn't strong in the finals last year because we hadn't been in the finals in a long time, but last year we had all three boats in the finals and that will help us this year to go for something more."

Andover's first race, weather pending, is against Simsbury, Glastonbury and Essex on April 4.

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Many returners are motivated by last season's disappointing finish.

GIRLS**CREW**

Girls Defeated By Rival Kent

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

This past warm and windy Saturday morning, Andover Girls Crew loaded up the bus for a three-hour journey to Kent, CT., to race Kent.

The G2 and G1 boats were not as lucky as some of the novice boats, which defeated Kent handily. G2, with a time of 5:16.6, lost to Kent's G2, which finished in 5:11.9. G1, with a time of 5:16.2, also lost, almost eight seconds behind Kent's top boat.

In last year's match-up against Kent, G1 and G2 put forth resilient efforts but were ultimately defeated by their tough Kent counterparts by 7.3 seconds and 3.5 seconds, respectively.

On April 4th, Andover's first race against Essex was canceled due to strong winds and unsafe water conditions. Only G1 was able to race, leaving Saturday's race to be G2 and G3's first since last May. A lineup switch affected the top three boats, as Amanda Krakauer '15 replaced Charlotte Chazen '15 on G1.

Head Coach Dale Hurley said, "We were also preparing for a tail current and tailwind, and it turned into more of a headwind, so it switched on us and we had set the boats up for something different."

With these obstacles aside, Andover used the bus ride to mentally prepare itself for a showdown between two strong crew teams thawing from the cold winter training.

The loss had a profound impact on G1, as there were six seniors on that boat vying for their last opportunity for the Hart Perry Trophy, which is awarded to the winner of the Kent-Andover G1 race.

"We knew that is was going to be a tough race coming in to it," said Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15. "It's never easy to have to race three hours away on an extremely fast and narrow course."

"Having the Kent race early in the season is always great because it's a good measure of our speed and a starting off point," Kemp continued. "We now know what we need to do to become the fastest we can at the end of the season and are very motivated to get there."

G2 was also aware of improvements it needed to make.

"Leading up to this weekend's race, our boat focused a lot on staying together and staying long [in our strokes]," said Liz Irvin '17. "We've spent a lot of time working on the start of the race, but once we get more comfortable in the middle 500 [meters], we'll have a response to moves made by the other crews."

Next week, Andover will travel to Worcester Academy to take on its top rival, Exeter, along with Northfield Mount Hermon, Shrewsbury, Boston Latin, Simsbury and Brooks at Lake Quinsigamond.

G1 Speeds Past Exeter for First Time Since 2010

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Sam Hawley '16 put on her white Andover Crew cap and blue sunglasses and stepped onto the bus that would take her and the Andover Girls Crew team to Lake Quinsigamond in Worcester, Mass. There, she, the other Varsity rowers and three coxswains would take on skilled opponents from Northfield Mount Hermon, St. John's High School, Shrewsbury, Brookline, Brooks and Phillips Exeter Academy.

G1, seeking its first victory over Exeter in five years, finished 35.1 seconds ahead of its rival in its best performance of the season.

Saturday represented Andover's first of two chances this season to obtain a victory against Exeter. Due to ACT testing, however, some rowers could not attend the race, which created a need for lineup switches in most of Andover's boats.

"This week we were faced with a non-ideal situation in the ACTs," said Head Coach Dale Hurley. "We were missing a few rowers from each boat and had to make some lineup switches. However, the girls that we switched in did a fine job and our boats were still immensely successful."

In a nail-biting race, G3 came in first place above Exeter, whom it edged out by 1.1 seconds. G2 also took first place with a time of 5:18.3, ahead of second-place Simsbury by eight seconds. Exeter did not bring G2 to Worcester.

Conditioning played a role in the outcome of the race. "Our greatest strength at Lake Quinsigamond was the amount of water time we have had because almost all of us went on the Tennessee preseason trip," said Hawley.

After the girls on G1 placed their boat into the water and locked in their oars, they took their seats. In the stroke seat sat Charlotte Chazen '15. Vienna Kuhn '16 sat in the seven seat, Julia Marcus '15 in the six seat, Lane Unsworth '15 in the five seat, Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15 in the four seat, Cara Cavanaugh '15 in the three seat, Hawley in the two seat and Co-Captain Qiqi Ren '15 in the bow seat.

Coxed by Janet Conklin '17, G1 headed out to the start line. The race was over almost as soon as it started, as G1 pulled to victory with a time of 4:54.9, 11.6 seconds ahead of its nearest competitor, Simsbury.

Kuhn said, "The feeling of crossing the finish line ahead of Exeter for the first time was completely exhilarating, I'm pretty sure I screamed."

"The biggest deciding factor of our race was the start. We had a really powerful first few strokes that resulted in half a length lead on all the other boats by ten strokes into the race. We kept walking until we were about a length ahead of the other crews at the 500-Meter mark and then held it there. We ended up beating all the crews by open water," said Kuhn.

Andover's victory was widely celebrated by the team as a major accomplishment early in the season. The team is, however, aware of the challenges it faces ahead.

"The other teams will get faster, of course, when they aren't missing any rowers to ACTs and get more water time, but it was a really good feeling to come off of the race with a confidence in our boat," said Kuhn.

Hurley said, "Looking ahead, we are going to use this weekend off to recuperate and prepare ourselves for our next race against St. Paul's and [Community Rowing Inc.], who always give us good competition."

Andover has no race this weekend but will race St. Paul's and CRI at home next Saturday.

COURTESY OF ANDOVER CREW

G1 placed first by more than ten seconds at Lake Quinsigamond.

Girls Race to Victory In Preparation for NEIRAS

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Andover's G3, which featured a lineup of Claire Glover '16, Anna Zimmer '17, Alex-Maree Roberts '16, Adrienne Allen '16, Marina Folz '15, Elizabeth Duserick '16, Alessandra Allen '16, Lauryn Roberts '17 and coxswain Grace Hannam '17, lost to Exeter by just five seconds, finishing with a time of 5:42.

G2, which lost to Exeter last year by 11 seconds, also looked for a victory in this year's rematch.

The G2 lineup featured Sam Hawley '16, Fiona Yonkman '16, Amanda Krakauer '15, Evelyn Mesler '17, Lila Brady '18, Liz Irvin '17, Claire Tao '16 and Sofie Brown '18 rowing and Katie Santoro '15 as coxswain. G2 beat out Exeter by just two seconds in 5:35, triumphantly redeeming its previous loss.

Finally, the eight girls in G1 geared up to race in their regular pre-race huddle, discussing strategy and mentally priming themselves for one of their most important races. G1 coxswain Janet Conklin '17 said "Like Coach [Dale] Hurley says, all we need is to overlap by the sprint, and we can walk through anyone."

After the huddle, the girls took the new "Kathryn Lucier Green" shell down to the water and rowed it down to the start line. The race opened with the two teams neck-and-neck, each fighting to take the lead.

"The start was very strong and together," said Conklin. "We were immediately locked on with the first stroke and everyone was focusing on moving our boat and not about what other boats were doing. Within the first 20 strokes, we had about a length up on Exeter."

This initial momentum continued throughout the race. Kuhn said, "We passed the 1000-Meter mark, and that was when you could first start to hear the crowds. We had a [boat] length [lead] on Exeter, and we just didn't give it up. We knew that we were so close to something big."

Andover ended up winning the race, becoming the first G1 to beat Exeter at home in five years.

Berkeley said, "When we crossed the finish line ahead of Exeter, exhausted, hot and with our muscles on fire, we knew we had stopped being individuals in the boat and become one entity capable of victory. We trusted each other, were vulnerable together and carried one another across the finish line."

Hurley added, "I was especially proud of our boats on Saturday, because whether they won or lost, they fought the whole way. In G1, we tried a new method in 'bucket-rigging,' where we put our four and five seats, [Cavanaugh] and [Unsworth], on the starboard side of the boat, as opposed to having one port and one starboard. This generated a lot of power and helped our boat coast to victory."

Girls Crew will gear up in practice this week to face off against Hingham for its last home race on Saturday.

"I really am impressed at our progress this season, and I am excited to see what these next two Saturdays will bring us," Hurley continued.

G1 Beats Exeter at Home For the First Time in Five Years

By **JACK TWOMEY**

Shortly after arriving at the Andover Boathouse in Methuen, Mass., on Saturday, Isabella Berkeley '15 took a black marker and wrote "NTTE" (short for "Not This Time, Exeter") on the back of her left shoulder. Her fellow G1 rowers—Vienna Kuhn '16, Julia Marcus '15, Cara Cavanaugh '15, Lane Unsworth '15, Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15, Co-Captain Qiqi Ren '15 and Charlotte Chazen '15—joined her in writing this symbol on their shoulders.

Andover Girls Crew followed through on its goal, as both G1 and G2 left Phillips Exeter Academy in their wake.

"'NTTE' was the physical and symbolic reminder of that hard work, and a reminder for the team to no only row for ourselves, bu for the other G1 crews be fore us," said Berkeley.

The Andover G1 hac trumped the Exeter G earlier this season at Lake Quinsigamond, but had no defeated Exeter at home since 2010. G2 and G shared the ambition tc beat their opponent.

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COURTESY OF ANDOVER CREW

G1 heads to the course before its race against Exeter.

G2, G3 Speed Past Hingham

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Coming down the last 1000 meters against Hingham, coxswain Janet Conklin '17 motivated G1 to dig deep and edge out its opponent. To her right, she said she could see Hingham fighting every one of her rowers' strokes.

G1, along with the rest of Andover Girls Crew, raced Hingham and Shrewsbury on Saturday at the Andover Boathouse in Methuen, Mass. Although G1 was unable to secure the victory, G2 and G3 both captured first place.

The G1 lineup consisted of Conklin as coxswain, Sam Hawley '16 stroking, Vienna Kuhn '16, Julia Marcus '15, Lane Unsworth '15, Cara Cavanaugh '15, Elizabeth Kemp '15, Qiqi Ren '15 and Charlotte Chazen '15.

Warming-up, the six Seniors were especially motivated by the knowledge that this was going to be their last home race. G1 started off strong. Shrewsbury was behind the other two teams for most of the race, creating an intense duel between the Andover and Hingham boats.

Coming down to the last 300 meters when both crews increased stroke rates for the sprint, Hingham edged out Andover by two seconds for the victory. Hingham's final time was 5:27 and Andover's was 5:29.

This was G1's first loss since the race against Kent on April 11. Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15 maintained a positive outlook, much like the rest of G1.

"Saturday was not our best day racing, and we all know that," said Kemp. "We are excited that we get to see the same crew in a few days and really bring our best selves to the race. Let's just say in all accounts the countdown to race day had definitely begun."

Kuhn said, "I think our greatest period of the race was the middle 500. It was the time when we felt most connected. I think the race as a whole was not a representation of our abilities as a boat, so in a way, it was actually beneficial that we lost, because now we have fuel to beat them at the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championship [NEIRAs]."

The G2 race followed the G1 race. The G2 lineup featured Claire Tao '16, Sofie Brown '18, Lila Brady '18, Liz Irvin '17, Amanda Krakauer '15. Evelyn Mesler '17, Bella Berkley '15 and Fiona Yonkman '16. Katherine Santoro '15 was the coxswain.

Andover's G2 outraced Hingham's G2 and captured a victory by eight seconds with a time of 5:39.

G3 also produced remarkable results, defeating Hingham by six seconds. Its lineup consisted of Claire Glover '16, Anna Zimmer '17, Alex-Maree Roberts '16, Adrienne Allen '16, Marina Folz '15, Lauryn Roberts '17, Alessandra Allen '16 and Whitney Garden '17. G3's final time was 5:55.

Head Coach Dale Hurley said, "G1 faced adversity in their race with Hingham and Shrewsbury. It was a tough loss – only by a mere two seconds. There was not as much of a change in lineups this week, and the team has improved as a whole. G2 and G3 raced very well and gave their opponents a tough act to follow."

Overall, the race showed that while Andover is prepared for NEIRAs on Saturday, there is still work to be done. Kemp said, "Our main objective this week is to work as hard as we can. When you get into the race, and there is pain everywhere, what keeps many of us going are the girls in front of and behind us. We are building that blind faith in each other that is so crucial to the speed of our hull."

Andover is seeded third out of 18 schools at NEIRAs, behind Hingham and Kent. Pursuing a turnaround from last year's finish, each boat is looking to capture first place, and perhaps for the first time ever, the Team Trophy.

Hurley said, "I am not too worried about the loss in G1, as the girls worked very hard this week in preparation for NEIRAs. I feel like we have got something in store for the crews on Saturday. I am excited to see what we can do."

G1, G2 and G3s' heats are at 9:21 a.m., 10:51 a.m. and 12:41 p.m., respectively, at Lake Quinsigamond on Saturday.

COURTESY OF JULIA MARCUS

Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15 raises the first-place trophy after G1 topped Kent in the Championship race.

GOLDEN GIRLS

G1 Wins Gold at NEIRAs for First Time Since 2010

By Jack Twomey
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

With one final stroke of the oars this past weekend, Andover Girls Crew G1 crossed the finish line and claimed first place at the New England Interscholastic Rowing Association Championships (NEIRAs) for the first time since 2010.

"The feeling of winning is unlike anything I ever felt," said Co-Captain Elizabeth Kemp '15, who rowed on G1. "I don't think it's set in yet, and I don't know if it ever will. The race will be a memory I cherish forever."

The lineup of coxswain Janet Conklin '17, Sam Hawley '16, Vienna Kuhn '16, Julia Marcus '15, Lane Unsworth '15, Cara Cavanaugh '15, Kemp, Liz Irvin '17 and Charlotte Chazen '15 delivered for G1. G3 and G2 also came into the regatta with high hopes, but neither boat could beat out Kent, who took first in both of those races.

G1 finished with a time of 4:56 to beat out Kent by less than a second. G2 took home silver in a tight race that saw Kent edge out Andover by 0.4 seconds. G3 crossed the finish line at 5:34, finishing fourth in the second heat of the regatta.

G1, coming off of a 1-6 season with a fifth place finish at NEIRAs last year, finally found redemption at NEIRAs this year. The boat was determined from the very beginning this year to turn its record around but hit an early roadblock this season in Kent.

"I remember the [first] Kent race because it was a turning point for me," said Kemp. "I had just gotten off the water and Coach [Dale] Hurley asked me how the race went, and I responded that it just wasn't fun. It was painful. Even though rowing is painful, when you are doing well and at a faster speed, the pain is on the backburner. In that race, it just dragged on. That race motivated us to never make it feel like that again."

The team proceeded to win the next five races but stumbled the week before NEIRAs. The last race against Hingham proved to be a wake-up call for G1, as it was the boat's first loss since the Kent race. The loss, however, served as motivation for the team for the upcoming NEIRAs.

The last race of the season also signified the ending of the Andover rowing careers for eight Seniors. Their departure weighs heavily on the underclassmen that have looked up to them over the course of their own rowing careers.

"The Seniors are going to be difficult to live up to," said Whitney Garden '17. "Every Senior on the team showed up day in and day out ready to work even harder than they did the day before, setting an example that inspired the team to push itself to be its best. Their love for the sport was clear to everyone, which set an amazing team environment, making even the hardest workouts a lot of fun."

Closing out her career, Kemp was sentimental. "Rowing applies to real life for me. It instills in you the need to work hard. You will feel pain no matter what. I know I will remember rowing fondly as something that never came easy, but I know that we worked hard to go that extra mile."

Andover Girls Crew will bring one boat to the Henley Royal Regatta on June 29. The prestigious regatta, held on the Thames River in the United Kingdom, will pit Andover against some of the top teams in the world.

Sport: Cycling

Year: 2015

Captains: Liana Margolese & Nicolas Swenson

Coach: Samuel T. Zaeder

Assistant Coach: Anna Milkowski

SEASON RECORD

WON	LOST	TIED

LETTER WINNERS

Hyde, Paxton
Liu, Felix
MacDonald, Scott
Margolese, Liana
Swenson, Nicolas

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NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Adelman, Leah	2017	Hilton Head Island, SC
Davis, Margaret	2017	Andover, MA
Hyde, Paxton	2015	Burlington, VT
Joe, Nicolette	2018	Andover, MA
Liu, Felix	2015	Hong Kong
MacDonald, Scott	2015	Andover, MA
Margolese, Liana	2015	Andover, MA
Newell, Isaac	2018	Lincoln, MA
Reid, William	2015	New Canaan, CT
Shamritsky, David	2017	Andover, MA
Sherry, Anneke	2017	Holland, MI
Swenson, Nicolas	2015	New York, NY
Wang, Jessica	2018	Andover, MA
Weatherall, Hayden	2018	Ipswich, MA
Wilson, Gardner	2016	Wenham, MA

Coach: Thayer Zaeder
Assistant Coach: Anna Milkowski

Cycling Schedule
Spring 2015

Record

April 15, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Race Hosted by Proctor	at Proctor
April 22, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Killington Mountain Hill Climb Individual Time Trail	at Killington Mountain
April 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Exeter Team Time Trial	at Exeter
April 29, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Holderness Road Race	at Holderness
May 6, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Profile Team Time Trial	at Profile
May 9, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Gould Road Race-Grafton Notch Challenge	at Gould
May 13, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Profile Road Race	at Profile
May 20, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Proctor Academy Circuit Race (NERC League Championships)	at Proctor
May 20, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Race vs. Proctor	at Proctor
May 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM	Race vs. Exeter	at Exeter

New Riders Showing Promise

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Cycling looks forward to another strong season this spring despite the lasting snow and ice that will postpone its debut on the roads. Following the team's fourth place finish last spring, this year's team consists of new recruits and will be led by Co-Captains Nick Swenson '15 and Liana Margolese '15. The team consists of groups that compete in either Class A, B or C of the New England Preparatory School league.

Swenson, who finished 14th overall in cumulative points last year in Boys Class A, hopes to lead the Boys team to success in all Classes. "I think that we can compete really well in Boys A and B this year. We have great depth, and lots of experience," he said.

Margolese will be leading the Girls team this year, which also has strong returners and great new underclassmen recruits. "The team this season is really promising. We have six new riders and ten returners, with a very strong group racing A for the first time," said Margolese.

Swenson and Margolese's combined five years of Andover Cycling experience will make them great leaders of a strong team comprised of riders of all ages.

Scott MacDonald '15 said, "Swenson and Margolese will be able to find a good balance of fun and function, and I know that they will lead us through a great season." MacDonald and Swenson will be leading the Boys A group this season after climbing the ranks throughout their careers.

Unfortunately, the team has yet to practice on the roads because of the remaining snow and ice.

Margolese said, "Our biggest challenge right now is the weather and road conditions. Currently, snow is blocking the shoulders of the road and the ice has created giant potholes that can be very dangerous, especially riding as a group with new racers."

For the time being, the team is working out indoors on trainer bikes and allowing the new riders to get used to the feel of the bike. The team is doing various training exercises to work on endurance and quick leg movement. Swenson said, "We hope to get riding outside as soon as possible, but we are still three weeks from our first race, so we are not too worried."

The combination of returning leaders and eager underclassmen will create a successful dynamic throughout the season as the riders progress. The team has made good use of its preseason workouts and looks to come out strong in its first race of the season on April 15 at Proctor.

Andover Gets Lapped

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Sprinting to the finish line in the last minute of Andover Cycling's season opener against Proctor on Wednesday, Meg Davis '17, Leah Adelman '17 and Jessica Wang '18 finished second, third and sixth respectively in the Girls C race within only three seconds of each other.

The success of the newcomers on the girl's team has given their teammates a lot of confidence for the rest of the season, especially Co-Captain Liana Margolese '15.

"The girls team killed it. The girls are off to a great start and have so much potential to get even stronger," she said.

Paxton Hyde '15, Scott MacDonald '15 and Co-Captain Nicolas Swenson '15 all finished in the top 15 in Boys A.

Hyde displayed his leadership on the team, leading the pack up until the last two laps. When he was in the breakaway, the Exeter rider he was riding with pulled ahead and the main pack of riders caught up to him. Hyde still finished first for the Boy's team with a time of 30:28.

Also showing a strong debut, Hayden Weatherall '18 and Isaac Newell '18 secured ninth and tenth in their first Boys C race, respectively.

Swenson said, "We are disappointed with our overall results, but we feel like we can definitely improve. Hyde in particular looked really strong today and will do some damage in the future races."

The unfavorable weather conditions in early spring prevented the Andover team from riding on the roads as much as it would have liked, rendering it underprepared for its first race.

Although the 16 person team contains 10 boys and 6 girls, the team trains as one and feeds off a collective energy during practice and races. After a decent first showing, the team looks to improve in the coming days from the top down, with its returning leaders setting the example for the newcomers and demonstrating what they have learned over their years on the team.

Andover will look to rout the competition in its next meet hosted by Killington Mountain School on Wednesday.

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Andover Conquers Hilly Course

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

The Andover Cycling team raced up the mountain one after another at the Killington Mountain Hill Climb Individual Time Trial this Wednesday. Members of both the Boys and Girls teams persevered through harsh weather conditions and the constant incline of the course.

"The results are based on your own personal time, and we left at 20 second intervals, so it was hard to tell how well you were doing because passing others did not necessarily mean you were doing well," said Co-Captain Liana Margolese '15.

Following Andover's first meet of the season, when the cyclers started to find their legs and race together, the team displayed great determination and grit to speed up the challenging climb.

"It was an intense time trial up the base of Killington Mountain. The course was extremely steep and physically challenging, and the conditions were really tricky. It was raining throughout all the races with temperatures in the high 40s, which added to the physical challenge of the difficult climb," said Margolese.

Unlike most races, the Killington trail proposed a unique ascent where the average racing speed was only around ten miles per hour.

The younger and less experienced racers finished strongly, especially considering the tough circumstances. For Boys C, Hayden Weatherall '18 raced up the ten percent grade course to finish in 12th place.

Co-Captain Nick Swenson '15 was sidelined by a shoulder injury, but Senior Paxton Hyde '15 carried the weight of his absence with a great race.

Hyde placed fifth overall in the Boys A race, with an impressive time of 20:08 on the 4.5 mile uphill race.

Andover's female cyclers also had strong performances in the Girls B race. Margolese, Jessica Wang '18 and Leah Adelman '17 finished in second, fourth and sixth place, respectively.

The Girls team is small in numbers, but it has proven itself with at least one cycler finishing in the top five in each of its races so far this season. The girls look to continue improving throughout the season by motivating each other to work hard in practices.

"Overall, the team rode hard. It was mentally challenging as well as physically challenging, with over 1,000 feet of elevation-gain in just 4.5 miles, but the girls really finished strong," said Margolese.

The team will travel to Phillips Exeter Academy for its next race on Saturday.

Andover Finds Success at First Road Race

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

With the finish line in sight, Meg Davis '17 suddenly hit a concrete strip running across the stretch of road and popped her front tire on Saturday at the Girls B Cycling race in the Exeter Team Time Trial. Without a thread of doubt, Davis decided to push forward to the finish, racing alongside Leah Adelman '17 to secure third place.

"I decided it was easier to just power through it and finish the race, which I did miraculously, without falling on the corners. It was a lot of work to stay upright and make up for the drag the flat created," said Davis.

Andover's promising performance at Phillips Exeter Academy gave it momentum going into the Holderness Road Race on Wednesday, leading to another successful meet.

The time trial at Exeter called for two riders to be paired up from each school to race together, rather than cyclists racing on their own. Each pair left at ten second intervals and completed between five and 15 laps depending on their class ranking.

In the Girls B class, Co-Captain Liana Margolese '15 raced with Jess Wang '18 and finished second overall. Davis and Adelman finished one second after Margolese and Wang in third to seal one of the best team performances of the season so far.

Margolese has lead the Girls team, full of mostly underclassmen, to great success early in the season. The team has already proven itself as one of the strongest in New England.

The Boys came out with multiple top place finishes across all Class levels. In Boys B, Will Reid '15 and David Shamritsky '17 nabbed an impressive fourth, and in Boys C, Hayden Weatherall '18 raced with Isaac Newell '18 to clinch 2nd place.

Weatherall wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Being the third race of the season, [Newell] and I were really happy with our result from the Time Trial. We were three seconds off first place."

Weatherall and Newell's skillful race performance is credited in part to their confidence fostered through Cycling's supportive team chemistry.

Newell said, "Very quickly, I felt welcomed as a part of the tight-knit community of the Andover Cycling team. Going on rides during or outside of practice, racing and riding in the rally wagons together has brought us all quite close as a team."

After only two practices and one recovery day, the Andover team raced again in the Holderness Road Race hosted by Holderness on Wednesday for the first road race of the season. Prior to this, the team had only competed in time trials and circuits.

The 20-mile long course thoroughly tested Andover's endurance and required a lot of skill, as cyclists had to position themselves well in the peloton in order to pull ahead from the pack.

The entirety of the Girls team zoomed past the competition in the 30 person long-haul, as all six girls came out with a top ten finish.

Adelman, who finished strongly in fourth place for Girls B, said, "We left nothing in the tank this race. The end of the race was uphill, and we all dug deep and gave it everything we had, pushing till the last second."

Margolese, who placed sixth in Girls B, was impressed by the team's showing at the race and has set clear goals for the Girls to continue to work towards.

"We definitely learned a lot from this race. We finished strong, and we learned that we need to attack more as a team in order to secure first place in a future race," said Margolese.

The Boys team also came out with strong finishes in Boys A and C. Highlighting the day's race for Boys was Paxton Hyde '15 in Boys A who came out with an impressive sixth place finish, riding just over an hour on the 20 mile course.

Cycling will look to use its experience at Exeter to its advantage at the Profile Team Time Trial next Wednesday.

COURTESY OF KATE MARGOLESE

David Shamritsky '17 (left) took fourth place in the Boys B time trial alongside Will Reid '15 (right).

Hyde '15 Captures First Place

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

With less than a mile left, Paxton Hyde '15 quickly looked at the hill just ahead and calculated how much energy he had left in the tank, drafted off another racer and finally pushed ahead to take first place at the Gould Road Race-Grafton Notch Challenge on Saturday. Andover Cycling capitalized on this upward momentum against Profile on Wednesday by pushing through trying conditions.

The team made a strong showing at the 21 mile course hosted by Gould, thanks to Hyde's first place finish out of all racers and three top five finishes in Girls B.

The road race consisted of two steep uphill sections. In Boys A, riders stuck together for the first climbs around 12 miles in, until an increase in pace on the "stairstep" climbs started to shell people out of the main group. As the race continued, the group continued to split up, and frequent attacking, accelerating and regrouping occurred amongst the cyclists.

Hyde maintained his position in a group of five near the front.

"With around four or five miles to go, the group caught a [Phillips Exeter Academy] rider who had been off the front for a while, and we worked together up to the final 500 meters," said Hyde.

In the last stretch of uphill, Hyde paced himself before pushing past the leading Exeter rider right in front of the finish line to win the hard sprint at the end of the race.

Hyde credited the impressive finish to his teammates as well.

"Scott Macdonald ['15] did a lot of work to control the race in the flatter miles leading up to the climb, which made my race a lot less stressful," he said.

In the Girls B race, Jessica Wang '18 placed second overall, with Meg Davis '17 following close behind her in fourth and Co-Captain Liana Margolese '15 in fifth.

Margolese said, "[Davis] launched an excellent attack that allowed three Andover riders to ride in a six rider breakaway."

After a strong Boys A and Girls B performance at the Gould road race, the team turned around for another race hosted by Profile.

Riders raced in poor conditions: steep hills followed one after another on poorly constructed dirt roads while the heavy wind pounded on the sides of the cyclists. Powering through the tough road and weather conditions, Davis finished sixth in Girls B, followed by Margolese in eighth place.

"This was by far the most challenging race of the season as it combined extremely steep climbs with tricky descents on dirt roads," said Margolese.

Given the circumstances, Will Reid '15 raced strongly in Boys B, finishing in sixth and demonstrating his various terrain talents and immense progression throughout the season's practices and races. In Boys A, Hyde worked together with his teammates to finish in sixth place overall with a time of 1:08:27.

Hyde's dramatic first place victory at Gould and the team's overall success in a difficult course at Profile emphasizes the hard training and growth of the team throughout this season.

"Overall, it was a huge accomplishment to just complete the race with everyone on the team finishing strong," said Margolese.

The team will race again next Wednesday at the Proctor Academy Circuit Race (NERC League Championships) hosted by Proctor and hopes to build upon its accomplishments.

COURTESY OF ANNE KESHERRY

The Boys Cycling team speeds past its competition.

CYCLING

Rematch Against Proctor Shows Improvements

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Leaning into the severe wind, Meg Davis '17 rounded the top of a steep hill and sprinted to a third place finish at Andover Cycling's last competitive race of the season on Wednesday.

Boys A, Boys B and Girls B all came out with top six finishes in their classes against Proctor. The coed team already squared off against Proctor at its first meet of the season, in which it raced alongside all of the schools in the league on a mile long circuit race.

Co-Captain Liana Margolese '15 said, "This race was definitely the most challenging one of the year. The wind was intense, making hill climbs exhausting, and downhill tail winds made cornering sharp turns difficult as riders were hitting 40 mph."

The Boys C class did not race due to technicalities, but highlights of the Boys A and B teams' races were Paxton Hyde '15 and Will Reid '15 for Boys A and B, respectively. Hyde's strong performance led Andover with a sixth place finish in Boys A. Reid finished in sixth place in Boys B with one of his best performances of the season.

Following its season-closing race against Proctor, the teams in Andover's league were ranked based on their total scores and finishes throughout the season.

The Andover Girls B team won their division, coming out with four of the top eight finishers out of a total 31 Girls B racers.

Davis finished as the third best racer overall, Margolese came close behind in fourth, Jessica Wang '18 ended her first cycling season in sixth place, and Leah Adelman '17 clinched the eighth spot. The rest of the team members' finishes also underscored the exceptional Girls B division victory.

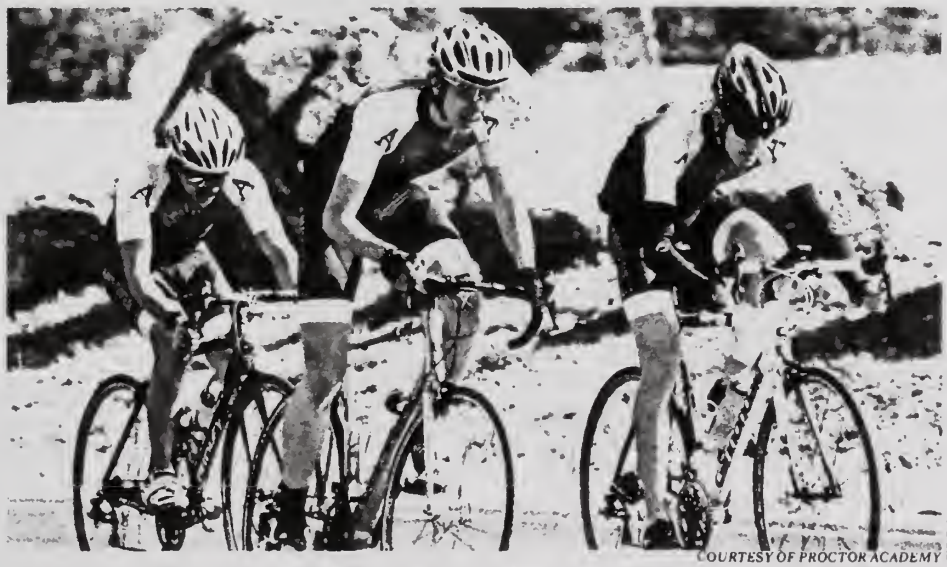
Hyde finished fourth in Boys A and Reid placed seventh overall in Boys B.

Newcomers to the team this season Isaac Newell '18 and Hayden Weatherall '18 raced strongly throughout the season in Boys C to place eighth and 12th, respectively.

Weatherall said, "Looking back on our first Cycling season, Isaac and I are very happy with our results and look forward to continue working together to our fullest ability in the years to come."

With the competitive-race season behind it, the teams have one more race versus Phillips Exeter Academy at the Exeter course. The team hopes to end the season with another great team race.

Margolese said, "Last year, the Exeter race was a crazy technical course. This year our team has succeeded in all types of races and circumstances, and we are ready to bring it to Exeter to finish off the season."



COURTESY OF PROCTOR ACADEMY

Boys A, Boys B and Girls B all sped ahead to nab top six finishes against Proctor on Wednesday.

CYCLING

Andover Zips By Exeter

By Reed Findlay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

David Shamritsky '17 raced the final 100 meters of the last race of the season at Phillips Exeter Academy alongside teammates Will Reid '15 and Gardner Wilson '16. Shamritsky, Reid and Wilson finished in second, third and fourth places, respectively, in the combined Boys B and C class race on Saturday.

Usually, the Andover Cycling team competes in races where all of the competing 11 schools in the league race against one another on the same course throughout the class levels. In contrast, the Andover/Exeter face off involved only the two teams and combined classes of skill level to form larger races.

The Boys A raced as their own field, the Boys B and C raced together in one race and the Girls A and C raced together.

Riders were physically challenged on the extremely technical course. The trail was a loop measuring 0.7 miles, consisting of three 180-degree turns, a short grass uphill and multiple steep dirt uphills. All riders completed ten laps of the course, carefully navigating the various environmental obstacles to make it to the finish.

Shamritsky, Reid and Gardner highlighted the day's races by finishing within eight seconds of one another in the top four, capping off a commanding season for all three in a dramatic team oriented fashion.

Members of the Andover Boys C also did well in the combined Boys B and C race. Hayden Weatherall '18 managed to finish in great position just two seconds ahead of teammate Isaac Newell '18 after working with each other for 20 minutes.

In Boys A, Paxton Hyde '15 had the lead up until he fell on the dangerous grassy knoll, which allowed Exeter's riders to sweep the field. Co-Captain Nicolas Swenson '15 finished in first for Andover, but still came in fifth overall.

Hyde was a strong leader on the team in his Senior season. He finished with numerous top five places and one first place finish at Gould Academy. His determination and improvement inspired the younger riders to do the same.

The girls also raced well. Girls B boasted three riders placing in the top five.

"It was a ton of fun and a new course," said Leah Adelman '17.

Reflecting back on the season, the Cycling team has come together as a tight knit family, showing improvement across the board. Co-Captain Liana Margolese '15 notably led her Girls squad to a Division Championship in Girls C.

Margolese said, "It has been an amazing season, and the team has grown incredibly. We hit every race this term, which meant we often had two seven- or eight-hour race days a week. Everyone remained energetic and met each race with enthusiasm. I am so proud of how hard all the riders worked and how far they have come."

Sport: Golf

Year: 2015

Captain: Tyler Tsay

Coach: Brian Faulk & Chris Odden

Assistant Coach: Caroline Odden

SEASON RECORD

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Blum, Eleanor
Casagrande, William
Davenport, Kirk
Digeronimo, Drew
Figus, Orlando
Hahn, Jinwoo
Simard, Ryan
Tadikonda, Pranav
Teo, Aaron
Todd, David
Tsay, Alexa
Tsay, Tyler

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
GOLF
2015

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Ahn, Soyoung	2016	Seoul, KOR
Apgar, Alexander	2017	Wenham, MA
Blum, Eleanor	2015	Edina, MN
Brooks, Liana	2015	Lynnfield, MA
Burnham, Darcy	2018	Larkspur, CA
Casagrande, William	2015	Methuen, MA
Davenport, Kirk	2015	New York, NY
DiGeronimo, Drew	2015	Fitchburg, MA
Figus, Orlando	2016	Rome, ITA
Golkari, Sina	2015	Swampscott, MA
Hahn, Jinwoo	2016	Georgetown, MA
Johnson, Howard	2017	New York, NY
Kerry, Cameron	2016	Andover, MA
McFarlane, Andrew	2015	Surrey, BC
Simard, Ryan	2016	Reading, MA
Tadikonda, Pranav	2016	Burlington, MA
Teo, Aaron	2015	Singapore
Todd, David	2016	Boxford, MA
Tsay, Alexa	2017	Los Angeles, CA
Tsay, Tyler	2015	Los Angeles, CA

Coach: Chris Odden
Assistant Coach: Brian Faulk, Caroline Odden
Manager: Tyler Tsay, '16

Golf Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 4-2-2

April 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM	Match vs. Tabor	A	Loss	2-10
April 8, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Match vs. Exeter	H		
April 9, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Match vs. Belmont Hill	H		
April 15, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Match vs. Holderness	H	Win	6-3
April 22, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Proctor	H	Win	7-2
April 24, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Dana Hall	H		
April 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Andover Invitational	A	3rd/8	
April 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. BB&N	A	Loss	5-5
April 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. St. Mark's	A	Win	5.5-1.5
May 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Dexter Southfield	H	Win	9-3
May 2, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Match vs. Deerfield	H	Tie	5-5
May 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. Belmont Hill	H	Tie	6-6
May 8, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Dana Hall	A		
May 9, 2015 at 1:00 PM	Tournament vs. Exeter and Governor's	H	Finished 2 of 3	
May 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM	Golf Tournament	A		
May 13, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Tournament vs. Governor's	A	Finished 2 of 3	
May 16, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Tournament vs. Exeter	A	Finished 2 of 3	

Golf

Andover Rusty in Season Debut
At Tabor on April 4, 2015 at 1:00 PM

Limited practice after long winter hurts team in first match of season.

Billy Casagrande '15 and Alexa Tsay '17 secured the only points for Andover as they faced a very difficult Tabor team on the only course open in Massachusetts. The team looks to rebound against Holderness on April 15th.

Tabor: Falmouth CC; 4.4
Player Result Score Team Score
1. Tsay, T L 5&4 L 4&2
2. Tsay, A T
3. Digeronimo L 5&4 L T
4. Blum L 2&1
5. Todd L 5&3 L 6&5
6. Hahn L 6&5
7. Casgrande W 5&4 L 3&2
8. Simard L 5&4
RESULT Loss 10-2

Andover Golf Rallies for First Win
At home on April 15, 2015 at 2:30 PM

K. Addison Davenport '15 and Ellie Blum '15 earn key victories to propel Andover.
Andover earned their first victory of the season, defeating a very a game Holderness squad on Wednesday. K. Addison Davenport '15 earned a critical point, rallying from a 2 down deficit by winning the last three holes of his match; Ellie Blum '15 also won the last hole to secure both her individual and team points. The team looks to continue their winning ways against Proctor next Wednesday at Indian Ridge.
Holderness: Scottish Highlands; 4.15

Player Result Score Team Score
1. Tsay, T W 3&2 L 4&3
2. Tsay, A L 4&3
3. Blum W 1up W 1up
4. Simard L 3&2
5. Digeronimo W 2&1 W 1up
6. Davenport W 1up
RESULT WIN 6-3

Andover Rolls over Proctor
At home on April 22, 2015 at 3:30 PM

Seniors Digeronimo and Blum combine to power Andover to victory.
The squad continued its strong play, with seniors Drew Digeronimo (36) and Ellie Blum (37) leading the way at the #3 and 4 spots, respectively. Pranav Tadikonda, playing in his first varsity match, also impressed with a solid 3&2 victory in his individual match. The team heads to Newport, RI on Saturday for the eight-team Andover Invitational.

Andover Places Third in the Andover Invitational
On April 25, 2015 at 12:00 PM

Drew Digeronimo shoots 79; PEA captures the title.
Andover struggled in the cold and windy conditions at historic Newport Country Club on Saturday. Senior Drew Digeronimo carded an impressive 79 to lead the Big Blue, who narrowly missed finishing in 2nd place. PEA's top golfer carded an impressive 70, more than enough to secure medalist honors and power the Big Red to a 313. PEA 313/Tabor 333/PA 338/Loomis 345/Taft 346/DA 351/Hotchkiss 354/Salisbury 372

Golf Beats St. Mark's, Loses to BBN
At BB&N on April 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM

ISL leader BBN proves to tough for Andover Golf this year
The Big Blue traveled to St. Mark's for a tri-match between ISL squads St. Mark's and BBN. The Blue easily defeated St. Mark's, but ran into a tough BBN squad that is currently atop the ISL standings. PG Drew Digeronimo continued his stellar play and was the only golfer to win both matches.

St. Marks/BBN, 4.29, SMGC
Result
1. Tsay, T L 2&1 W 2&1
2. Tsay, A L 3&1 T
3. Digeronimo W 2&1 W 4&2
4. Blum L 2&1 W 5&3
5. Todd T W 5&4
6. Simard L 1down L 1down
7. Figus L 5&4 W 3&1
RESULT LOSS 1.5-5.5 WIN 5.5-1.5

Big Blue Cruises Over Dexter
At home on May 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM

Seniors Tsay, Digeronimo and Casagrande lead the way with impressive victories.
Andover welcomed Dexter on (finally) a beautiful spring day in New England. The team had a strong effort, winning 6 of the 9 singles matches and 3 of 4 team best ball contests. The Big Blue take on rival Deerfield tomorrow at Indian Ridge Country Club in an 18-hole match.

Dexter: IRCC, 5.1
1. Tsay, T W 4&3 W 4&3
2. Tsay, A W 5&3
3. Digeronimo W 4&2 W 3&2
4. Blum L 1down
5. Todd L 4&3 L 1down
6. Tadikonda W 1up
7. Casagrande W 4&3 W 2&1
8. Hahn W 3&2
RESULT WIN 9-3

Andover Ties Deerfield for First Time in a Decade
At home on May 2, 2015 at 4:15 PM

Deerfield number one birdies last three holes to tie the Big Blue.
Andover came very close to defeating rival Deerfield for the first time in a decade on Saturday, earning a well-deserved tie in this 18 hole match at Indian Ridge Country Club. Alexa Tsay '17 and Ellie Blum '15 paced the team with dominant singles wins; upper Jinwoo Hahn also added a nice 2&1 victory. Unfortunately for the Big Blue, Deerfield's captain birdied the last three holes (in easy fashion) to complete a dramatic comeback in the best ball portion of 1/2 team match, earning a critical 1up victory. The Big Blue turn their attention to the always tough (and undefeated) Belmont Hill squad on Wednesday.

Deerfield, 5.2; IRCC
Player Result Score Team Score

1. Tsay, T L 8&7 L 1down
2. Tsay, A W 6&4
3. Blum W 7&6 W 1up
4. Casagrande L 4&2
5. Tadikonda L 3&1 W 2&1
6. Hahn W 2&1
7. Todd L 2&1
RESULT TIE 5-5

Andover Golf Halts Belmont Hill's Winning Streak
At home on May 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM

Captain Tyler Tsay '15 holes a 35 foot putt on the last hole to earn his singles victory and the tie for the Big Blue.
Belmont Hill is always a tough match and Wednesday proved no exception. Andover entered the last group needing all three points to secure a tie; siblings Tyler and Alexa Tsay '17 came through in spectacular fashion. Tyler's clutch birdie on the last hole -- one of the most impressive putts this coach has seen in recent memory -- clinched his match (featuring 3 birdies) and the overall tie for Andover. The Tsays also secured a critical point in their team best ball match. Pranav Tadikonda '16 was the only other player to win his match in a game that featured 4 halved contests. The team is looking forward to competing in the first leg of the Witherspoon Cup at Indian Ridge on Saturday.

Belmont Hill: IRCC, 5.6

1. Tsay, T W 1up W 2&1
2. Tsay, A W 3&2
3. Digeronimo T L 1down
4. Blum T
5. Todd L 3&2 T
6. Tadikonda W 4&3
7. Davenport T L 1down
8. Hahn L 2down

RESULT Tie 6-6

Andover Looks to Build on One-Loss Season

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After finishing last season with an impressive 10-1-1 record, Andover Golf enters the season hoping to retain the Witherspoon and Lovell Cups, which it claimed over Phillips Exeter Academy and Governor's last season with a combined score of 989-1016-1089.

Andover has traditionally been a very strong team, and has only lost three matches in the past two years. It seeks to continue its streak of dominance this season.

Despite losing Captain Kavan Canekeratne '14, veteran Luke Stidham '14 and talented Post-Graduate Robert Devaney '14, Andover will return the majority of its varsity lineup spearheaded by the Tsay siblings, Captain Tyler Tsay '15 and Alexa Tsay '17.

Alexa Tsay, one of Andover's top players, said, "This season, we have lost our captain and another top player [Devaney]. We don't really have any recruits, but there are a lot of people trying out and new talent that may come in. Last year, we had a great season, with just one loss to Deerfield. This year, I hope we avenge that loss and win matches throughout the season."

Returners Addison Davenport '15, Billy Casagrande '15, Eleanor Blum '15, Pranav Tadikonda '16 and Peter Hahn '16 look to fill the void left by departed players and provide veteran leadership for the team.

Tyler Tsay has high expectations for the returners, "Many of our returners have improved drastically over the summer. I'm hopeful that with the new talent we saw our first few days in coupled with the combined experience of our core team, we can have a truly magnificent experience."

Post-Graduate Drew DeGeronimo '15 hopes to crack the Varsity lineup as a newcomer.

Head Coach Brian D. Faulk '00 is excited to see how DiGeronimo will add to the team dynamic.

"Drew DiGeronimo will be a player to watch and I think will be a nice addition as a [Post-Graduate]," wrote Faulk in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Andover will rely on the Tsay siblings to hold down the top of the lineup.

Alexa Tsay captured the Managan Award last season, which is awarded each year to the top golfer in the Exeter/Governor's matches. She continued to sharpen her game at tournaments during spring break.

"Over break, I played everyday and really got to train for the first time since summer. I competed in two tournaments. One was an SCPGA, which I won, and the other was a Toyota tour cup, which I placed third in. I shot 66 and 73-77, respectively," said Alexa Tsay.

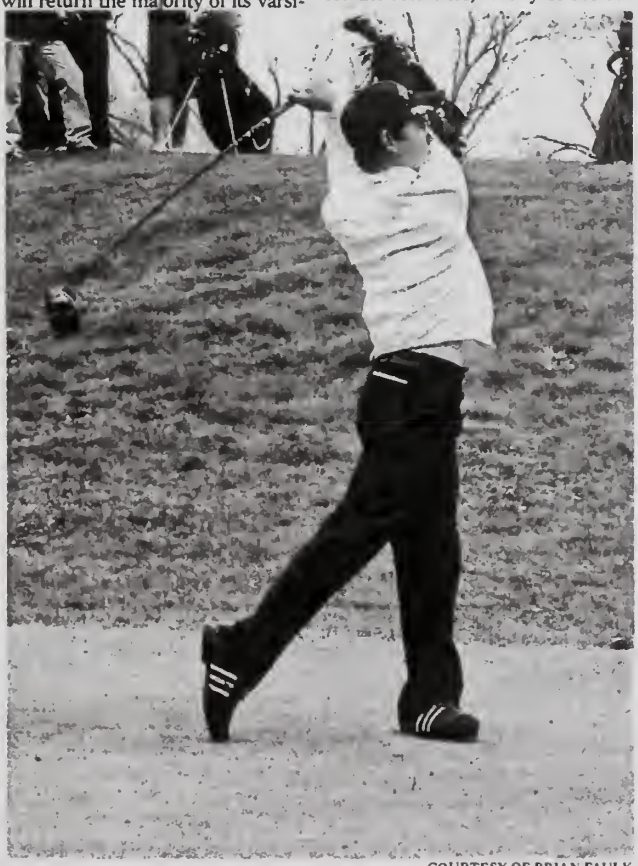
Tyler Tsay looks to retain the Kazikas Award, which is given to Andover's top golfer overall, for the third straight year.

One challenge that the team faces every year is the weather, and this year is no exception.

"Coming back here from California, where it was 90 degrees was definitely rough, but we won't let the weather get in the way of our play. Once we are able to start practicing again, weather permitting, I am confident that we will have a successful season," concluded Alexa Tsay.

Orlando Figus '16 is optimistic that Andover will continue its string of successful seasons. "The squad looks pretty good, and for sure you can expect low scores out there."

Andover will kick off its season away at Tabor on April 4.

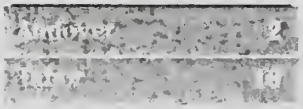


COURTESY OF BRIAN FAULK
Orlando Figus '16 is one of Andover's returning Varsity golfers.

GOLF

Andover Suffers Fourth Loss in Three Years

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Down two holes with two holes to play, Alexa Tsay '17 knew that she needed to take some risks to get back in her match. Keeping the ball low to counteract the 40 mile per hour winds that had been wreaking havoc on golfers for the entire day, Tsay outplayed her opponent for the final two holes. After sticking the chip to two feet, Tsay knocked down a birdie putt to win the 17th hole and eventually halve the match after the 18th hole.

Tsay's comeback and the dominant 5&4 victory of four-year veteran Billy Casagrande '15 were the lone bright spots for Andover in a 10-2 loss to Tabor. The loss is only Andover's fourth loss in the last three years.

Andover made the long journey to Falmouth Country Club this past Saturday.

Players were forced to combat cold temperatures and extreme winds and had almost no opportunity to warm up following a two hour drive.

"We had only gotten a chance to play one round thus far, and after a long drive on a cold day, some had slow starts and dug themselves into holes as a result. I would attribute most of it to rust and expect improvement heading into our next matchup," said Co-Head Coach Christopher Odden.

Casagrande was one of the only players who started off quickly for Andover. The greens were rolling slowly, but Casagrande impressively two-putted on nearly every hole.

"I'd say my victory was a combination of superior intellect in decision making and accurate short game," said Casagrande.

The team struggled with fast winds, forcing the team to change clubs on nearly all of its shots to compensate, and even Andover's putts strayed away from the intended line.

Alexa Tsay said, "The balls were rolling really weirdly because of the wind, and I had to club up and down by as much three clubs to compensate for the wind power. Other than that, conditions were okay, especially given the rough winter we've had here."

Captain Tyler Tsay '15 also struggled.

"Conditions were tough out there, but we just have to remember that everyone's playing in the same wind, the same cold and push onward. I think that for our first match to be in 30-40 mile per hour wind, it threw us off. But next match, we'll be back in the swing of things," said Tyler Tsay.

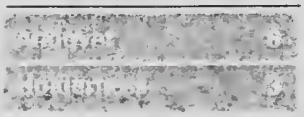
Despite some disappointment from the loss, Andover is largely unfazed by this first showing of the season, and the team will look to improve in its next match.

"We're on to Holderness," said Coach Brian D. Faulk '00.

GOLF

Andover Defeats Holderness for First Win

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Addison Davenport '15 paced around the green, surveying his four-foot par putt. After starting his match by losing three straight holes, he had rallied back to all-square by the end of the eighth hole. The putt rolled true and was quickly followed by a fiery fist pump from Davenport.

The putt secured a victory in Davenport's match along with the best ball match on the final hole, earning two crucial points for Andover. Davenport's putt provided a third of Andover's point total in its 6-3 victory against Holderness.

Head Coach Brian D. Faulk '00 identified Davenport as the standout performer. "[Davenport] rallied from three down to win his match and secure two critical points," said Faulk.

Andover Golf struggled once again to combat the high-speed winds in its match at Campbell's Scottish Highlands, a hilly course in Salem, NH. Golfers had difficulty hitting greens as the swirling winds would wreak havoc on shots with a high trajectory.

Ryan Simard '16, who played in his second career match, said, "The conditions were pretty tough. There were some really strong winds that made it tough to hit the greens."

Alexa Tsay '17, who plays as the second seed on Andover's ladder, also struggled in the windy conditions. She said, "I had trouble warming up, so I was down two after two holes. After that, I was missing putts within ten feet."

Alexa Tsay's performance was uncharacteristic, as she was one of the few golfers who excelled in the high winds in her last match-up against Tabor.

With many players struggling to find a rhythm, Andover's veteran players stepped up. Captain Tyler Tsay '15 captured a crucial victory as the top seed, and Ellie Blum '15, who played as the third seed, dropped a par putt essential to the team victory on the final hole.

It seemed as though every member of the Andover team rallied on the final hole. Newcomer Drew DiGeronimo '15 secured a victory with a critical up-and-down conversion on the ninth hole, and sealed it with a four-foot par putt.

The team recognizes there is a lot of room for improvement. With many tough matches and tournaments on the horizon, it will be crucial for Andover to hit its stride soon. Faulk said, "[It was a] good start but we need to improve. We're on to Proctor."

Andover will square off against Proctor on next Wednesday.

Andover Defends Home Course Over Proctor

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Post Graduate Drew DiGeronimo '15 stood at address on the par-three 16th at the Indian Ridge Country Club. In heavy wind conditions, he struck his ball, which dropped down four feet from the hole. DiGeronimo would go on to drain this putt for a critical birdie that iced his match.

Andover Golf defeated Proctor Academy with ease this past Wednesday, winning 7-2 on its home course. It was carried largely by the play of third and fourth seeds DiGeronimo and Ellie Blum '15.

The duo maintained control throughout the round, never relinquishing the lead. "I had a great round with Drew today. It felt great to be competing at Indian Ridge again. We were fired up and won all three of our points by the seventh [illegible]" said Blum.

The dynamic sibling pairing of Captain Tyler Tsay '15 and Alexa Tsay '17 at the top two spots on the ladder found success, navigating the course with ease on their way to capturing the shared team point in the match.

Alexa Tsay said, "I won one-up, but it was a really challenging match for me, not because I struggled, but because I had trouble staying true to my own game and focusing on what I needed to do. My opponent was scoring a lot better than he was playing whereas I was playing a lot better than I was scoring. So ultimately we were all square until the sixth hole, which was frustrating because I was hitting most greens and my opponent would be in horrible lies and recover to tie."

Despite holding a lead for most of the match, Tyler Tsay could not pull away for the victory, with his match ending in a draw. Tyler Tsay said, "The result was a bit disappointing, but I felt that it was a close match, and it could have easily gone either [illegible]"

Head Coach Brian D. Faulk '00 was excited by the victory and the consistent play of Andover's golfers. Faulk wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We won 7-2. Drew and Ellie played terrific in the 3 and 4 spot. Pranav [Tadikonda '16] added a 39 to make a strong case for Newport. Alexa also won."

Lacking significant match experience, the strong showing by Tadikonda was impressive. His game, founded on an ability to drive the ball for distance, should translate well to the lengthy Newport Country Club this weekend.

Andover travels to Newport, RI., this Saturday for the highly competitive Andover Invitational tournament. Eight teams will compete in an 18-hole stroke play format. Andover looks to maintain the consistency it showed versus Proctor and extend its winning streak.

Editor's Note: Pranav Tadikonda '16 is the Executive Digitial Editor for *The Phillipian*.

COURTESY OF BRIAN D. FAULK

Drew DiGeronimo '15 birdied to win his match on Wednesday.

Andover Places Third At Andover Invitational, Splits Tri-Match

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5.5
St. Mark's	1.5
Andover	1.5
BB&N	5.5

Drew DiGeronimo '15 left Newport Country Club having shot a team-low 79 to secure third place for Andover at its most important tournament of the year: The Andover Invitational. DiGeronimo once again finished strong to secure a critical score for Andover, earning five straight pars to close out his round. His 79 tied for fourth-best in the 40-player field.

At Newport, Andover fell to both Phillips Academy Exeter and Tabor by margins of 313-333-338, but secured third place in the field of eight teams, topping Taft, Deerfield, Hotchkiss, Salisbury and Loomis.

COURTESY OF BRIAN D. FAULK

"I played well at Newport, made some big putts when I had to but felt like I left a lot of shots out there. The key moment was a birdie I made on 12 which gave me some momentum down the stretch," said DiGeronimo.

Head Coach Brian D. Faulk '00 said, "As usual, the Post-Graduate [DiGeronimo] was our top performer at Newport," said Faulk.

Last Saturday was Andover's first chance to examine rivals Exeter and Governor's, who they compete against for the Lovell and Witherspoon cups. Ellie Blum '15 said, "Newport was a lot of fun. We're so lucky to be able to compete at such a great facility. We got our first look at Exeter this season. They have some new players on their ladder and so we got to size them up a little bit before [our future matches]," said Blum.

The strong play of DiGeronimo continued at St. Mark's Golf Course against BB&N and St. Mark's. He contributed the sole victory against BB&N and dominated his match against St. Mark's. Andover lost 5.5-1.5 despite defeating St. Mark's 5.5-1.5 in the tri-match.

Andover was restricted in its match because it was forced to navigate the course without its rangefinders. Alexa Tsay '17 said, "The course conditions were alright. [We] couldn't use rangefinders which I typically rely heavily on, so I had to gauge distance on my own which was a challenge."

COURTESY OF BRIAN D. FAULK

Ellie Blum '15 rolled past her St. Mark's opponent 5&3 on Wednesday.

The greens also presented a challenge. Ryan Simard '16 played well, but luck never shifted his way. "My matches came right down to the wire, and I ended up losing both of my matches one-down. The greens played really fast and it was impossible to make the ball stick on them," said Simard.

Blum excelled on the course this Wednesday, winning the St. Mark's portion of the match 5&3.

"Today my match against St. Marks went pretty quickly, and I BB&N after 8 holes. It was definitely tricky having to play without our rangefinders. Once I adjusted though it was somewhat of a fun trip down memory lane, because that's how I grew up playing in junior tournaments," said Blum.

Andover looks to get back on track against Dexter and its long-time rival Deerfield, whom it has not beaten in over a decade. Both matches will be at the Indian Ridge Country Club. Andover's home

Andover Falls In Close Loss To Undefeated Exeter

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Despite trailing Phillips Exeter Academy by 31 strokes after two rounds in the medal play race for the Witherspoon Cup, Andover Golf narrowly lost to Exeter in a match play competition 4-3 on Saturday.

The Witherspoon Cup is awarded to the team with the lowest stroke total in the Andover/Exeter/Governor's tri-matches over the course of the season. There also exists a match play competition between Andover and Exeter over two different matches, and the winner of that competition is awarded the Lovell Cup. Andover currently holds both Cups.

On Saturday, Exeter took a 20 stroke lead over Andover and a 39 stroke lead over Governor's, and on Wednesday, it extended its lead to 31 strokes over Andover and 77 over Governor's.

Key contributor and number two seed Alexa Tsay '17 missed both matches this week with a back injury.

Drew DiGeronimo '15 was once again exceptional on Saturday, sinking five birdies en route to a three-over 75.

Captain Tyler Tsay '15 also managed to score well, despite struggling to convert all his chances on the putting green, firing a seven over 79.

On Sunday night, Ellie Blum '15 and Darcy Burnham '18 traveled to the Pippy O'Connor Independent School Girls Golf Classic at the Agawam Hunt Club in Rumford, RI.

Both performed well in their respective sections, with Blum placing fifth with an 81 and Burnham earning an eighth place finish in the nine-hole division.

Blum struck the ball well wit her irons but struggled to mal the round-changing putts.

Blum said, "The Girls Golf I vitational is always my favorit event of the year. I finished i fifth which was the best I've eve placed, and that was super exci ing. More than anything it wa a fun way to wrap up my hig school career against some c the same people I've been play ing in the prep school league an over the summer for the last fe years."

Andover entered Wednesday tri-match looking to regain som of the ground on its arch riva Exeter. The match was a nine hole affair.

Conditions were not optima with high-speed winds affect ing ball flight. Additionally, Oul Newbury, the home course o Governor's, boasted firm, smal greens.

Tyler Tsay's iron play was con sistent, but once again he strug gled to make critical putts. Tyle Tsay said, "[Wednesday] wa windy, and the greens were smal I didn't convert as many putts a I wanted to, much like my roun on Saturday. It's something I'l be working on going into the las leg of our Exeter and Governor' matches." Despite this, Tyler Tsa still managed to shoot a solid 39.

DiGeronimo could not matcl his performance from Saturda but still scored well despite errat ic drives off the tee, which led t difficult second shots.

Addison Davenport '15 contrib uted a strong card to Andover' stroke play total, shooting a six over 41.

"It was a tricky course – lots o wind. The team played well un der the circumstances, but there was no winner or loser because o the stroke play," said Davenport.

Head Coach Brian D. Faull '00 said, "It was a tough course in windy conditions. [Tyler Tsay] shot 39 and [Davenport] fired a 41 – really good scores all things considered. We look forward to Saturday and continuing the competition."

Andover looks to mount its comeback against Exeter this Saturday at Breakfast Hill Goll Course in Greenland, NH.

COURTESY OF BRIAN FAULK

Tyler Tsay '15 turned in a 79 on Saturday against Exeter.

GOLF

Andover Falls to Exeter in Season Finale

By Howard Johnson
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Alexa Tsay '17 addressed her putt on the 13th hole of the Breakfast Hill Club in Greenland, NH. Her Phillips Exeter Academy opponent, Charlie Dubiel '17, had just drained a 40-foot putt, and the pressure was on Alexa Tsay to match with a birdie of her own in order to maintain her lead. Alexa Tsay took an aggressive line, and her 43-foot putt rolled true, breaking left before dropping into the center of the cup.

Victories from Alexa Tsay and Peter Hahn '16 served as the only bright spots for Andover on Saturday, with the luck falling towards Andover's rivals in a competitive series of matches. Andover lost 5.5-1.5 in match play and by 27 strokes in the cumulative stroke play. Each match play loss, however, was decided on the final three holes.

Alexa Tsay fired a field low 71 in her first time playing Breakfast Hill, but tied Dubiel in the match. "I was playing the best I had all season. I drained five birdies. I was striking the ball really well, and even though I beat him by two strokes in medal play, I couldn't close out the match play," she said.

Head Coach Brian D. Faulk '00 said, "Alexa [Tsay] was outstanding with a solid 71. [It was] impressive that at a new course she was able to fire a round of even par. Tyler [Tsay '15] and Peter also turned in strong performances."

Captain Tyler Tsay fired a 79 in his final Andover match. Despite heading into the 17th hole with a tie, he was unable to combat a strong Exeter opponent and lost one down.

Tyler Tsay wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "It was a very tight match. We exchanged birdies from 13-16 and were all square into the 17th. It was just a bad tee shot off 17 that broke it. My personal highlight was a 60 yard chip in on 13 after hitting it into the water for birdie."

Third seed Drew DiGeronimo '15 turned in an 82, but struggled on the back nine. He said, "Saturday was an interesting day on the links. The weather was pretty good and I had a solid front nine, but then struggled on the back. I had trouble all day getting off the tee and ended up losing my match 3&2."

DiGeronimo also captured the Kazikas Award, given to Andover's best player in stroke play over the course of the year. A new face on the team as a Post-Graduate, DiGeronimo's play was a welcome surprise this season.

Digeronimo said, "Winning the Kazikas award was a huge honor. I was very happy with the way I played in our medal play matches this year. It was cool seeing some of the names on the cup, including Coach Faulk. Overall it was a nice way to end an awesome season of golf."

With the loss, Andover failed to retain the Witherspoon and Lovell Cups. The Witherspoon is awarded to the team with the lowest stroke total in the Andover/Exeter/Governor's tri-matches over the course of the season. The Lovell cup goes to the match-play competition between Andover and Exeter.

Despite the loss, Andover was satisfied with its effort versus Exeter. Alexa Tsay said, "We knew going into the match it would be very tough competition. Exeter is a very strong team and has done a lot of recruiting in the past year. I think that we did a good job pulling through and playing the best that we could."

The loss in the tri-match brought Andover's record to 4-3-2 for the season.

Editor's Note: Peter Hahn '16 is a Sports Editor for The Phillipian.

Sport: Boys Lacrosse

Year: 2015

Captain: Tim Bulens

Coach: Stephen Moreland

Assistant Coach: Tucker Sampson

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Abric, Durham
Anthony, Maxwell
Beare, John
Belluche, John
Bergstein, William
Bulens, Timothy
Delaus, Robert
Duquette, John
Faiz, Issraa
Fawcett, Rudd
Findley, Reed
Findleay, Whitney
Garnsey, Ryder
Gildehaus, Arthur
Huff, Garrett
Leboeuf, foster
Lu, John
Murtagh, William
Oliver, Thomas
Panepinto, Michel
Ressel, Claire
Scott, Cyrus
Tolo, Larson
Tomsik, Jacob
Zachar, Cormac

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE
2015

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
0	Lu, John	2016	Andover, MA
1	Tomsik, Jacob	2017	Medway, MA
2	Garnsey, Ryder	2015	Wolfeboro, NH
3	Scott, Cyrus	2015	San Francisco, CA
4	Anthony, Maxwell	2015	Loudonville, NY
5	Huff, Garrett	2017	Winchester, MA
6	Gildehaus, Arthur	2015	Concord, MA
7	Duquette, John	2015	Titusville, NJ
8	Bulens, Timothy	2015	Norwell, MA
10	Oliver, Thomas	2016	New York, NY
11	Murtagh, William	2018	Marblehead, MA
12	Abric, Durham	2015	Ridgewood, NJ
13	Fawcett, Rudd	2018	New York, NY
14	Findlay, Whitney	2016	Sudbury, MA
16	Findlay, Reed	2018	Sudbury, MA
19	Belluche, John	2016	Andover, MA
21	Zachar, Cormac	2018	Concord, MA
22	Panepinto, Michael	2015	Needham, MA
23	LeBoeuf, Foster	2015	Beverly, MA
24	MacWilliams, John	2015	Dover, MA
26	DeLaus, Robert	2016	Andover, MA
32	Tolo, Larson	2018	Essex, MA
40	Beare, John	2015	Dallas, TX
42	Bergstein, William	2016	Greenwich, CT

Coach: Steve Moreland
Assistant Coach: Tucker Sampson
Manager: Isra Faiz

Boys Lacrosse Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 14-1-0

March 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Roxbury Latin	H		
March 28, 2015 at 12:30 PM	Game vs. Nobles	H	Win	10-9
April 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Belmont Hill	H	Loss	7-8
April 4, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. New Hampton	A	Win	13-5
April 8, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. NMH	A	Win	12-5
April 10, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Dexter Southfield	A	Win	17-3
April 15, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Brewster	A	Win	14-4
April 17, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Bridgton	H	Win	17-8
April 22, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Holderness	H	Win	17-2
April 25, 2015 at 6:30 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	Win	15-14
April 29, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Win	13-9
May 2, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. Loomis	A	Win	12-11
May 6, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Duxbury HS	A	CXL	
May 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Pomfret	A	Win	20-9
May 11, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Brooks	A	Win	8-7
May 16, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	H	Win	14-13
May 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	12-11

New Recruits Impress Throughout Preseason

By Jennifer Lee
ILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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ieup. Walker Huff '17, Rudd Fawcett '18, Reed Findlay '18, Will Murtagh '18, Larson Tolo '18 and Cormac Zachar '18 will be joining the team this season to help build upon the success that last year's team enjoyed.

"The team is stacked offensively. We have several returners and new Post-Graduates (PGs), but our depth rests in our underclassmen. The class of 2018 is the strongest freshman recruiting class in my four years at [Andover]... On the other hand, our defense also presents a nice mix of old and young, but most importantly, we have no shortage of goalies. The team has three goalies, and each has strong enough skill set to start," added Bulens.

Uppers on the team include Jack Belluche '16, Will Bergstein '16, Robert DeLaus '16, Whit Findlay '16, Jack Lu '16 and Thomas Oliver '16, who will assume leadership roles as they transition into being key starters on the team.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "We have a number of strong returning players this year plus some terrific new players... We have great kids and coaches in the program, but we play an extremely tough schedule. We are capable of winning or losing every game, so I am mostly focused on our team's execution rather than the strengths or weaknesses of our opponent in any given contest."

Coming from an intense week of training at the annual spring preseason camp, the team looks to improve upon last year's 9-7 record. "Most days [over break], the boys practiced three times per day on the stadium turf or at a nearby indoor turf facility. The guys worked very hard and played really well," said Coach Moreland.

Bulens added, "Our main goal is to learn to play well as a team and to compliment each other's strengths and weaknesses as well as possible. Ground balls are also going to be essential to our success."

This year, the team hopes to see success from its strong lineup of PGs Max Anthony '15, Jack Beare '15, Culver Duquette '15, Ryder Garnsey '15, Mike Panepinto '15 and Cyrus Scott '15.

"We have some new [PGs] o the team this year who are reall strong players. Beare and Garnse are two [PGs] who are going to b very key to the success of the tea this year at attack. Panepinto is g ing to be huge at middie, and Sco is going to make a ton of huge sav in the goal. We also have a ton of r ally strong returning players," sai Bergstein.

Other Seniors on the team i clude Durham Abric '15, Arth Gildehaus '15, Jack MacWillian '15 and Foster LeBoeuf '15.

Andover will look for wins in i upcoming games against Noble Greenough, Belmont Hill and Ne Hampton to start the season stron

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r and four-year Varsity player Tim Bulens '15 will bolster Andover's midfield this season.

Andover Ekes Out Victory over Nobles, Falls to Belmont Hill

By Jennifer Lee
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With just three minutes left on the overtime clock against Noble & Greenough (Nobles) in Andover Boys Lacrosse's season opener this past Saturday, Ryder Garnsey '15 whipped, dodged and spun around his defenders to find an open space in front of the net. He gave Andover a 10-9 lead that would hold until the end of overtime. Garnsey's goal helped earn Andover its first win of the season.

Andover was unable to capitalize on this upward momentum, however, and fell to Belmont Hill 8-7 on Wednesday.

"Between our OT victory over Roxbury Latin in last Wednesday's preseason game and our OT victory against Nobles in Saturday's season opener, our team has proved that we will never quit and that we always believe that we can win," Head Coach Stephen Moreland said.

Within the first few minutes of the game against Nobles, an assist from Jake Tomsik '17 set up Jack Beare '15 to score the first goal of the day, making it 1-0 Andover and boosting the team's confidence. Throughout the game, Cyrus Scott '15 also made several saves while the offense passed the ball around the Nobles defense for great shot opportunities.

Captain Tim Bulens '15 said, "The team had a solid first half – the defense played really well as a unit, and the offense showed far more patience than we did in our scrimmage against Roxbury Latin. Scott also helped by making several crucial saves throughout the game."

Garnsey added, "We played alright in the first half of the game. We had some good looks offensively and our defense was getting stops, so we had confidence that we would be able to continue what we did well in the second half and bring a win back."

Going into the second half of the game, Andover had a slight 7-5 lead over Nobles. Andover, however, let up a bit, and Nobles responded with newfound energy, tying the scoreboard 9-9 at the end of the second half.

Larson Tolo '18, a newcomer to the team, said, "We had corrected the things that we had to work on like awareness and compactness, allowing us to contain a very talented offense. However, we got a little bit sloppy towards the end of the fourth quarter, letting the opposition tie the game up."

The team looked to regroup and re-strategize in overtime.

Bulens said, "After Max Anthony ['15] won the face-off, [Moreland] called a timeout so that we could establish a game plan from there. Our offense has a ton of talent, so our main goal was to not force any looks that were not there. Ultimately, it came down to Garnsey putting away a great shot and finishing the game with an even better celebration."

On Wednesday, riding high from its win over Nobles, Andover fought hard but ultimately fell to Belmont Hill 8-7.

Trailing 4-0 in the first half after a sluggish start, Tomsik scored the first Andover goal of the day to make it 4-1.

Tolo said, "As a team, we did not play to our full potential in the first half. We didn't capitalize on many offensive opportunities, and we played a very disorganized team defense."

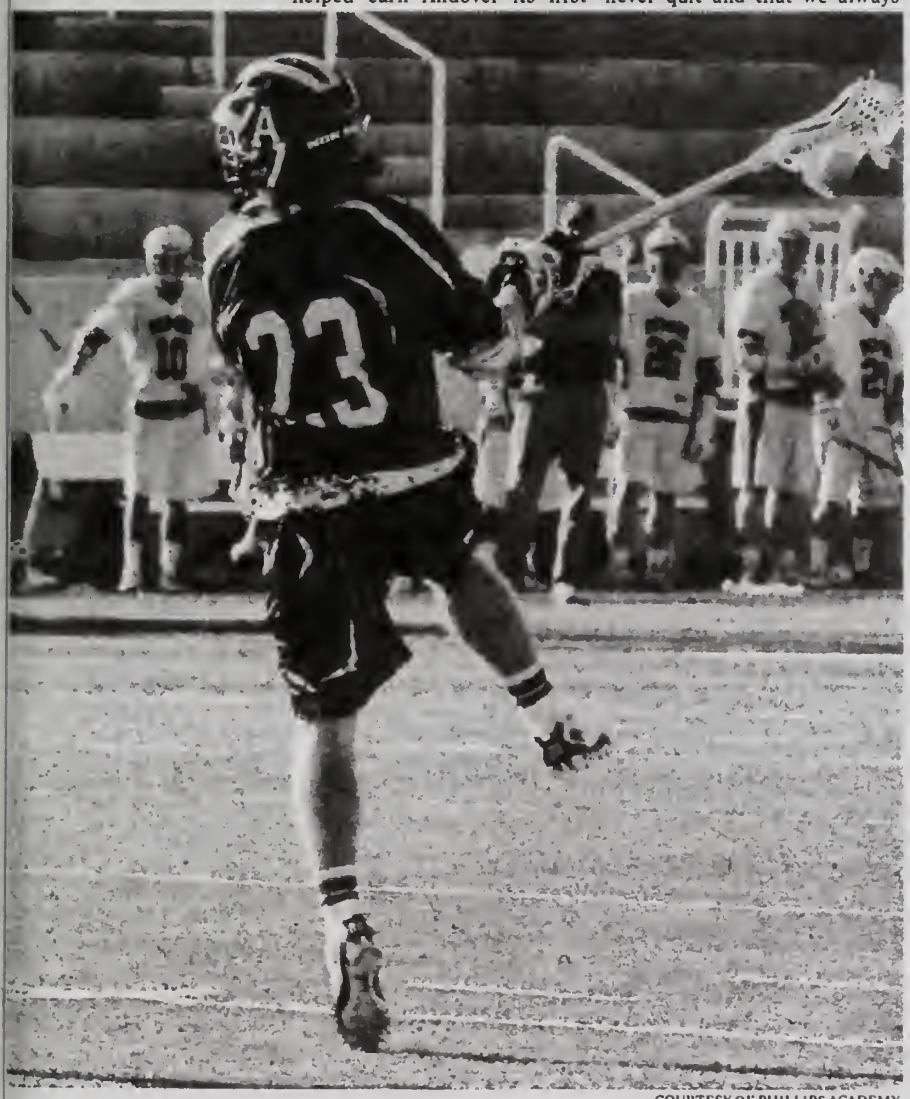
With newfound momentum, the team entered the second half of the game ready to finish on a high note.

"With our great coaching team leadership and talent we were able to turn things around in the second half. We played very strong defense, capitalized on our opposition's mistakes and generated quality looks on offense, but it wasn't enough to pull away with the win," Tolo continued.

Down by two goals in the last three minutes of the game Andover scored one more goal to make the score 8-7. After committing a penalty with one minute left, however, the team turned over the ball on the man down.

Moreland said, "I am happy with our start, but we still have a lot to do. We need to tighten up all aspects of our game. Our goal is to work hard in practice to get better every day."

The team hopes to improve its game and secure its second win of the season in its matchup against New Hampton this Saturday.



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ster LeBeouf '15 is one of two Andover players committed to play at Brown University next year.

Boys Dominate in Two Wins

By Jennifer Lee
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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After a disappointing 8-7 loss to Belmont Hill last week, Andover Boys Lacrosse bounced back with a decisive 13-5 win over New Hampton on Saturday and a 12-5 win over Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) on Wednesday.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "Everybody contributed to the victory against New Hampton. Cyrus Scott '15 and the defense kept it close in the first quarter, until our offense caught fire in the second quarter. We were able to substitute liberally in the second half to get everyone into the game, which was really cool."

Andover ripped off 11 goals to finish the first half with an 11-3 lead during the game against New Hampton. Continuing its strong offensive drives and aggressive plays, Andover scored two more goals and allowed only the opposing team to score two goals during the second half of the game.

"Defensively, Jack MacWilliams '15 and Larson Tolo '18 did an excellent job shutting down New Hampton's stud attacker and midfielder. On offense, each of our starting six guys played very well. It was also great to see Walker Huff '17 and Cormac Zachar '18 get their first goals in an Andover uniform," said Moreland.

Zachar, a new member of the team, said, "We played against a weaker opponent on Saturday, but we executed plays better than previously and played more of a complete game then we had against Belmont Hill."

Scott helped the team seal its 13-5 win by making several saves while the offense passed the ball around the New Hampton defense to create great shot opportunities. He cited the team's unity and each player's contributions as the keys to success in the game.

Scott said, "On defense, MacWilliams and Tolo shut down New Hampton's two key offensive weapons. Defensemen Arthur Gildehaus '15 and Jack Belluche '16 both did a great job winning ground balls and pushing transition. Max Anthony '15, as always, was a stud at the faceoff X, and Culver Duquette '15 was essential in providing the energy our team needed to be successful."

While the offense put together an impressive performance, it has not hit its ceiling yet. "On offense, we definitely shot the ball very well and did a great job taking advantage of transition. If we continue to work hard every day in practice and come together as a team, I'm confident our offense will be scoring much more than that," continued Scott.

Anthony added, "We played very good team offense. We moved the ball around with efficiency and communicated great. Our shots were on target and our off-ball movement was great. We took a big step forward in how we played as a team. We really played with a lot of energy and emotion, which was awesome to see."

On Wednesday, the team capitalized on this momentum, beating NMH 12-5. By dominating the first half 11-3, younger players were able to see more time on the field. "NMH is a bit down this year, so our younger guys saw lots of minutes. Will Murtagh '18 and Rudd Fawcett '18 scored their first goals in an Andover uniform," said Moreland.

Tolo said, "We did a very good job running our offense and distributing the ball, yet we still have a lot of work to do on our defensive rotations. Overall, the team played well and everyone saw playing time."

Post-Graduate Ryder Garnsey '15 said, "Our team played great team defense all game, including goaltending from Scott and Jack Lu '16. We were also great once again at the face-off X with Anthony and Captain Tim Bulens '15 both contributing. Our offense still needs to improve working to take great shots rather than good shots."

Zachar added, "We are hoping to take this momentum into our next few games and continue to win."

Andover will face Dexter Southfield this Friday in the hopes of continuing its high level of play and securing its fourth win of the season.

Boys Amass Plus-24 Goal Differential in Two Victories

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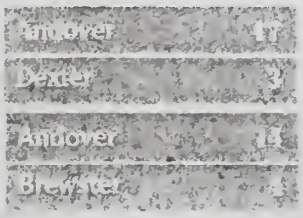
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Heading into the second half with a 14-1 lead over Dexter, Andover Boys Lacrosse's Will Murtagh '18 darted past his defender and fired a bullet of a shot into the back of the net, scoring his third goal of the game. Andover capitalized on Murtagh's hat-trick, beating Dexter 17-3 while pushing its regular season record to 5-1.

Murtagh said, "It felt great to put in three goals. The team helped so much by being supportive, and running the plays just the way they were drawn up. We felt really good going into Friday's game. We had just come off of a strong win against Northfield Mount Hermon, and we had a very productive practice cleaning up our offensive sets."

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "Our team had two great practices leading up to the Dexter game, so we were ready to play. Traditionally, Dexter is very tough, but they are a bit down this year. We jumped on them early which allowed us to substitute liberally beginning in the first quarter. It was terrific to see our young guys play a lot of minutes and perform so well."

Jack Beare '15 said, "Offensively, we moved the ball very well and capitalized on our opportunities. We are getting more players involved in the offense and it is helping us create more depth throughout our roster. Defensively, we have played with more intensity. Also, our goalies have been playing very well by making saves on shots that should have been goals if it weren't for them."

Coming off of its win on Friday, the team traveled to Brewster on Wednesday, winning the game by double digits, 14-4, for the second time in as many games.

Ryder Garnsey '15, one of the team's top scorers, scored nine out of the 14 Andover goals against his former school.

Garnsey said, "Our defense played phenomenally all game, led by [goalie] Cyrus Scott who once again turned in an unbelievable performance...My teammates did a great job of finding me in positions where my hands were free and in a good scoring position, so [my] hat is off to them."

Captain Tim Bulens '15 added, "Defensively, we did a great job communicating our one and two slides. Our off-ball players also did a great job hedging in when they were one pass away and effectively took away a lot of our opponents offensive options."

"Although the win was definitely a result of the team coming together, two players made a huge impact: Max Anthony '15 and Garnsey. [Anthony] was a force at the faceoff, while [Garnsey]. . . led the team with nine goals," continued Bulens.

When asked about the team's improvement, Beare said, "We have really come together as a family. We all trust each other on the field and know that if we play as a unit we will be very successful, especially as we enter the stretch of our season with more difficult opponents on the schedule. Offensively, we have become very unselfish and that has allowed us to find the right looks that are resulting in goals."

Andover will play at home against Bridgton this Friday, looking to build on its momentum.

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William Bergstein '16 cuts in front of his defender.

Boys Rack Up 34 Goals in Two Games

By Jennifer Lee
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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In two games against Bridgton Academy and Holderness, Andover Boys Lacrosse totaled a whopping 34 goals in 17-8 and 17-2 wins, respectively. The team is on a six game winning streak and now boasts a record of 7-1.

With such a strong start to the season, the team looks to maintain its intense training during practices to keep its high level of play in games.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "Our Senior leadership has been outstanding so far this year, which has been the primary reason for our success. They have us believing that we can win every game."

Whit Findlay '16, who tallied one goal against Bridgton, said, "Our success so far this season is attributed to our team bonding. With six new Post-Graduates and five new Juniors, the key has been getting to know each other off and on the field."

Going into halftime on Friday against Bridgton, Andover held a comfortable 10-1 lead. Throughout the game, players fought with confidence and prowess, which was the main reason for success against Bridgton, a team with a particularly large number of Post-Graduates.

Moreland said, "The offensive highlights were Max Anthony '15 and Reed Findlay '18 [illegible] dover]. Defensively, we had solid performances from the entire unit."

Reed Findlay, a rookie on the team, said, "It was a great game, and the younger developing guys including myself got some good reps. The older guys on the team are encouraging and by trying my best against them in practice, I've already learned a lot. I try my best whenever I get on the field and love picking up ground balls and helping the team in any way I can."

Will Murtagh '18, who has scored over four goals in the last two games, scored one goal and had one assist. "I think that the team's chemistry has been a major attribute to our success and five game winning streak. We all have gotten to know each other so well over the last few weeks, and it has helped us so much on the field," said Murtagh.

On Wednesday, Andover played on its home turf for the fourth time this season.

Three Juniors – Murtagh, Cormac Zachar '18 and Reed Findlay – scored to add to Andover's commanding lead throughout the entire game.

Reed Findlay said, "We've been getting our younger guys in a lot and we have been getting comfortable playing in the games. Having a good time out on the field is key for us. I had a great time today because our team really worked well together as an entire unit."

Reed Findlay said, "We're really looking forward to playing in our game on Friday against Deerfield. They're one of the best teams in New England and we're really excited."

The team will look to use its recent success to solidify offensive momentum as it faces Deerfield at home on Friday.

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Andover Edges Deerfield in Overtime Thriller

By Jennifer Lee
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less than two minutes the overtime clock, Ry-nsey '15 whipped past nder and fired a rocket deep right hand corner et to seal a 15-14 victory over Boys Lacrosse over d on Saturday at Phelps . This win shattered ear-long winning streak erfield held against An-nd marked Andover's win in a row this sea-

in Tim Bulens '15 said, ew it was going to be a ame. Everyone was go-ave to give 110 percent ve everything out on l. Hard work and smart e been essential to our so far and were more nt than ever that game. ayer who stepped on the e their full effort, and it in the end."

Coach Stephen More-d, "The team was con-and determined going e Deerfield game and that way all night. Our played great against emely talented and well Deerfield offense. They hard to cover. Jack Lu terrific job in goal, and n, the defenders in front played their hearts out."

ey added, "Going into e, everybody was ready homping at the bit. Ev-had been practicing at pace leading up to the o we felt like we were d. We weren't wor-much about what they ing necessarily, and we if we played as well as we were capable of playing we would fare well."

Leading 3-1 at the end of the first quarter, Andover focused on maintaining its consistent play and strong tactics throughout the entirety of the game. The team was up 14-8 in the beginning of the fourth quarter and let Deerfield tie the score at 14-14, forcing the game into overtime. In the sudden death overtime, goalie Lu made a crucial save that allowed Andover to regain offensive possession and led to Garnsey's game-winning shot.

Garnsey said, "Overtime is always exciting, and I think I can speak for everybody when I say that there [are] definitely butterflies in your stomach when you walk out on the field for sudden death. Thankfully, our defense came up huge in the last few minutes and got the clutch stops that we needed in order to get our offense the ball back and give us a chance to end it."

Moreland said, "The plan going into the game was to take it to Deerfield and play to win. Even though momentum swung their way in the latter stages of the game, our mentality going into overtime was no different than when the game began. Lu made a huge save on the first possession of overtime, and then our offense sealed the deal. It was a great team win."

Bulens said, "[Beating Deerfield has] been something I've wanted to do since my Junior year, and to cap off my Senior year with a win in overtime could not have been any sweeter."

On Wednesday, Andover faced Tabor at home and finished with a decisive 13-9 win.

Throughout the game, the team focused on taking advantage of its shooting opportunities and maintaining its high level of play on both its offensive and defensive sides.

Tied 5-5 at halftime, Andover entered the second half of the game with newfound energy. The team scored two goals in the first two minutes of the third quarter, bringing the score to 7-5.

Late in the third quarter, Foster LeBoeuf '15 fired a well-placed shot past the goalie, giving Andover a four-goal lead. LeBoeuf scored another goal in the beginning of the fourth quarter, extending Andover's lead to 12-7.

LeBoeuf said, "Although we had a sloppy game today, we kept our legs moving and kept pushing transition, which lead to our guys being in the right positions to put the ball in the back of the net."

The team looks to transfer its hard work during practices into another win on the field this Saturday against Loomis Chaffee.

"Before our game against Loomis, we've got to have a good couple days of hard practice and really make sure we come together even more as a team and play some good Andover lacrosse," said LeBoeuf.

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Ryder Garnsey '15 scored the game-winning goal in overtime in Andover's win against Deerfield

Offensive Burst Leads to 20 Goals Against Pomfret

By Jennifer Lee
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Foster LeBoeuf '15 leans away from his defender as he searches for an open teammate.

Jack Beare '15 bolted past his defenders and ripped the ball into the far right corner of the net to extend Andover Boys Lacrosse's lead in its game against Pomfret on Saturday. The team excelled in the game with quick passing, accurate shooting and great speed, as it finished with a decisive 20-9 win. On Wednesday, the team defeated Brooks in an 8-7 duel.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "The last few games we've really started to solidify our identity as a team that plays well in transition. The boys scored some very pretty fast-break goals against Pomfret."

Andover held a strong 9-4 lead entering the second half of the game. Then, just minutes into the third quarter, Ryder Garnsey '15 shot a rocket into the left corner of the goal to put Andover ahead 10-4. Foster LeBoeuf '15 and Whit Findlay '16 continued the offensive momentum with goals of their own, while goalie Cyrus Scott '15 protected the team's lead with many crucial saves.

Scott said, "Against Pomfret, we didn't really do anything new offensively. We did a great job of pushing transition and capitalizing on their mistakes defen-effective the offense can be when we're playing the way we like to play."

Leading 17-9 with three minutes left on the clock in the fourth quarter, newcomer Will Murtagh '18 assisted a goal to Rudd Fawcett '18. Beare and Garnsey scored the remaining two goals to seal Andover Boys Lacrosse's 11th straight win this season.

Moreland added, "We have large [Senior] and [Junior] classes on this year's team, so heading into the season I knew that we would need outstanding Senior leadership to successfully bridge the age gap amongst the boys. I couldn't be happier with the job our Senior class has done and how welcoming and supportive they have been of the young guys. Our Seniors are an incred-Captain Tim Bulens ['15] is the best. It's really gratifying to see how much everyone sincerely enjoys each others' company."

Post-Graduate Culver Duquette '15 said, "Our older guys have really bought into our group and it shows in the grit and attitude we have when we face adversity as a team. Having a team that can rely on one another and pick one another up is invaluable. We're strong and play for the guys next to us. For me, there is nothing like taking the field with my 23 brothers. I mean sure, we have an immense amount of talent this year, but what makes this group great is how close we are. The family atmosphere perpetuates success."

Duquette continued, "We're a family on the field and we play culminated with us putting up 20 goals against a solid team like Pomfret. It's a credit to Coach Moreland bringing our offensive weapons together as a cohesive group. We're moving the ball incredibly well and generating looks constantly. It's a great feeling to come into a game knowing the ball will find the back of the net."

Following its decisive win over the weekend, the team traveled to Brooks on Monday.

Moreland said, "Against Brooks, their character was really tested. We were coming off a terrific outing against Pomfret and couldn't help looking ahead to our upcoming battles versus Choate and Exeter. We were also banged up and tired. The boys dug down deep though, and grind out a win against a pesky Brooks squad."

Leading 4-2 at halftime, Garnsey received an assist from Walker Huff '17, and slung the ball deep into the goal within a few minutes of the third quarter to extend Andover's lead to 7-5. LeBoeuf and Bulens both scored goals, while Jack MacWilliams '15, Durham Abric '16, Larson Tolo '18 and Scott continued to defend well as a unit, stopping many strong shots from the Brooks offense.

Duquette said, "We're absolutely loaded with offensive firepower this year. I think anyone who watches us sees the speed and flair that we play with. We have incredible talent, but at times, particularly early in the year, you saw a team that wasn't playing up to their potential as a unit. The way we are playing right now, however, is totally different."

"We work very hard in practice, even if we have a light day with no pads, everyone is giving their 100 percent effort. Coach Moreland knows how to gage us when we might need a rest day, and we feel like we're not losing a day because we will come out flying when we return the next day. We play at full speed all the time, and it shows in how we exhaust our opposition. That speed is what sets us apart," Duquette continued.

The team's win over Brooks marked its 12th straight win in a row, improving its record to 14-1. The team will face Choate on Saturday in its penultimate game of the season.

Boys Win in Overtime For Fourth Time This Season

By Jennifer Lee
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	14
Choate	13

With the clock ticking down in overtime, Ryder Garnsey '15 darted past his Choate defenders on Saturday and ripped the ball into an open space in front of the net, sealing the team's 13th consecutive win this season, as well as its fourth overtime win this year. Andover's 14-13 win against Choate on Saturday elevates its season record to an impressive 14-1, reflecting the hard work the team put into improving its technique and its agility on the field.

Trailing by three goals at the end of the first half, Andover Boys Lacrosse set out to improve its quick passing and shooting accuracy in the third and fourth quarters of the game.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "The team did a great job battling through adversity in the first half. Our defense was flat, and our offense wasn't really firing on all cylinders either."

With one minute and 35 seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter, the team found itself down by three goals to the visiting Choate team. Andover, however, stormed back to tie it up 13-13 before regulation time expired with two goals from Foster LeBoeuf '15 and one goal from Garnsey.

When asked about how the team felt in the last few minutes of the fourth quarter, LeBoeuf said, "We never gave up. Being down and being in that situation before didn't make us fault or misstep. We really stayed composed and put our hearts on the line in the last one minute and 30 seconds left in the game, and we were able to get the win."

Moreland said, "It took incredible fortitude and perseverance to pull it together in the second half and make enough plays to get the win. LeBoeuf's performance late in the game was heroic – one of the finer efforts I've ever seen by any athlete."

Captain Tim Bulens '15 added, "We played our hearts out and didn't give up. Most teams would probably call it quits if they were down by three goals with a minute and 30 seconds left in gameplay, but not us."

The team's game against Choate also marked its last home game of the season.

LeBoeuf said, "It's sad to know that was my last home game, but I think I speak for all the Seniors in saying that our game against Choate was the best way to go out."

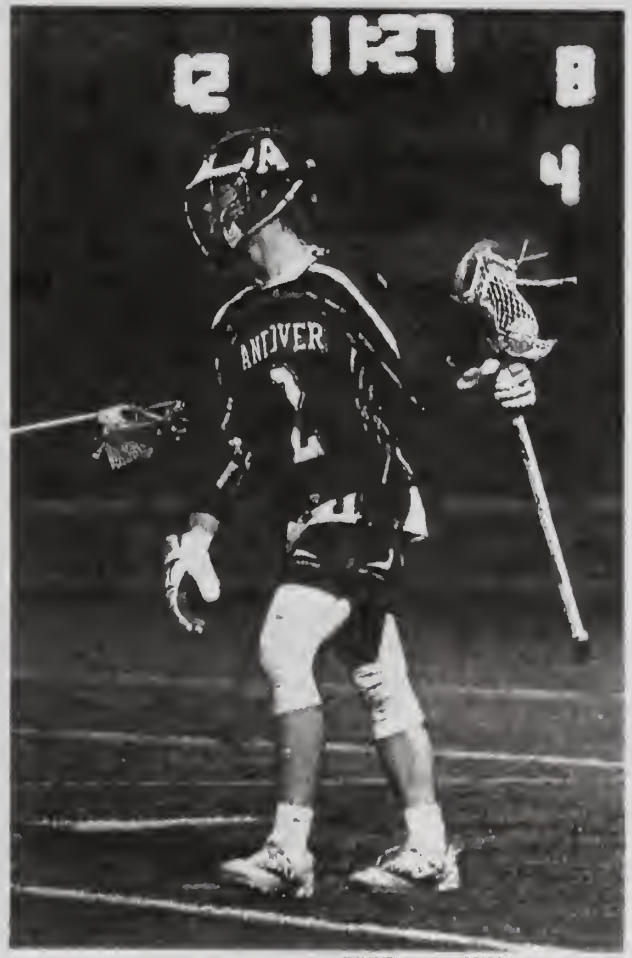
Bulens said, "Obviously there were a lot of emotions riding on our game against Choate, and I think that this was a major factor in the end. Playing at Phelps Stadium is something that should really be treasured, and this game will definitely be one that I'll never forget."

Moreland added, "It's really bittersweet. We've worked extremely hard this spring and we have had a great run so far, which has been a lot of fun. I'll really miss the Seniors though. They're a very special group."

With just one game left in its season, Andover Boys Lacrosse hopes to finish its season strong. The team will face Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday in the hopes of extending its winning streak to an impressive 14 consecutive wins and achieving a nearly perfect season record of 15-1.

Bulens said, "I would love to see us just keep doing what we are doing. As long as we give our full effort and play smart, I don't care who we play against – we'll give them a game."

Moreland added, "The goal all season long has been to get better every day. For the most part we've been able to do that, so I hope that this Saturday is our best performance of the year."



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Andover Clinches Thriller in Fifth Overtime Victory

By Jennifer Lee
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With just a few seconds left on the overtime clock in Andover Boys Lacrosse's last game of the season against Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday, Foster LeBoeuf '15 bolted past his defenders and slung the ball into the far right corner of the net, vaulting Andover to a 12-11 win, which was its 13th straight victory. Assisted by Larson Tolo '18, LeBoeuf's winning goal marked the team's sixth win in overtime this season and sealed its season record at 15-1.

Captain Tim Bulens '15 said, "It couldn't have been a more fitting way to go out. The team has had six overtime wins this year, and our motto has been, 'We don't lose in OT.' An overtime win was undoubtedly the best way to cap off such a great season."

Andover has not lost in overtime this year.

Tolo added, "It felt amazing to come out with that win. It came down to the wire and, thanks to our amazing coaching and devoted players, we were able to come out on top."

The team has had a season full of overtime wins, which speaks to its grit and desire to win.

Bulens said, "[Winning in overtime] shows that we play our game no matter the circumstances. Whether we are up by five or down by ten, we play every second of every game like it is still 0-0, and that is why we are so successful."

Post-Graduate Max Anthony '15 said, "The overtime victories definitely exemplify our team's mental toughness. We never put our heads down or get discouraged when we find ourselves in a hole. The team has a strong fighting spirit and a lot of heart, which is why we did not lose in overtime games."

Trailing 5-4 at the end of the first half against Exeter, the team looked to improve its shooting accuracy and passing technique.

Jack Beare '15, Ryder Garnsey '15 and Mike Panepinto '15 each scored goals in the third quarter to tie the game 7-7. With four minutes and 17 seconds left on the regulation time clock in the fourth quarter, the team found itself trailing 11-8. It was a similar situation to one the team faced last week – albeit less dire – when Andover was down three goals with under two minutes to play.

Andover, however, maintained its composure and continued to put pressure on the Exeter defense. With one goal from Panepinto and two goals from Garnsey, Andover tied the scoreboard 11-11, forcing the game into overtime.

Head Coach Stephen Moreland said, "Our boys are resilient and extremely tough mentally. They never quit, and as long as there is time left on the clock, they are always playing to win the game."

Garnsey said, "Ending the season with an overtime win against Exeter was a storybook ending. I think the ability to stay calm under pressure throughout the game was important, and obviously our guys did a great job in the highest of pressure situations. We played in overtime multiple times throughout the year, but being able to win our last game of the year in overtime, especially in such a big rivalry game against Exeter, was huge."

Andover/Exeter games always carry an extra importance to the players. The win was especially sweet for Andover's 11 Seniors as they closed out their Andover careers.

Anthony added, "To play the last game against your rival is already exhilarating enough, but to then go into an overtime game with them only adds to the excitement. It was also a pretty ironic way to end the year considering we started our season with an overtime victory, and that's the way we ended it."

Moreland said, "I suppose an overtime victory against Exeter was a fitting way to end a season that had so many one goal games. I was really happy for the boys to get the win. Win or lose, it would have been a terrific season. But, the OT victory against Exeter was an exclamation point on a remarkable year."

Foster LeBoeuf '15 scored the game-winning goal for Andover in overtime on Saturday.

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Sport: Girls Lacrosse

Year: 2015

Captains: Caroline Garrity

Coach: Martha Fenton

Assistant Coach: Heidi Wall

SEASON RECORD

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Bakerian, Robert
Burns, Hannah
Chin, Cassandra
Fenton, Jordyn
Garrity, Caroline
Kelley, Emma
Kister, Laura
Krikorian, Beth
LaMarche, Olivia
Mackey, Kelli
Masotti,Courtney
McCarthy, Kelly
McNamara-Bordewick, Noreen
Moss, Kyle
Overly, Lauren
Peterson, Tessa
Pratt, Susan
Quigley, Eliza
Tucker, Ashley
Welch, Elizabeth
Yost, Kinsey

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
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NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
2	Krikorian, Beth	2017	Windham, NH
3	Burns, Hannah	2015	Upper Brookville, NY
4	Peterson, Tessa	2015	Nederland, CO
5	Tucker, Ashley	2018	Wenham, MA
7	Kister, Laura	2016	Kingston, NJ
8	McNamara-Bordewick, Noreen	2016	Boston, MA
9	Yost, Kinsey	2015	Lake Oswego, OR
10	Mackey, Kelli	2015	Sewickley, PA
11	Welch, Elizabeth	2018	Winchester, MA
12	Fenton, Jordyn	2017	Andover, MA
13	Quigley, Eliza	2015	Marblehead, MA
14	LaMarche, Olivia	2016	Lynnfield, MA
15	Overly, Lauren	2017	Columbus, OH
16	Masotti, Courtney	2017	Weston, MA
17	Pratt, Susan	2016	Dedham, MA
18	McCarthy, Kelly	2016	Lynnfield, MA
21	Chin, Cassandra	2017	Ipswich, MA
25	Garrity, Caroline	2015	Lynnfield, MA
35	Kelley, Emma	2017	Andover, MA

Coach: Martha Fenton
Assistant Coach: Heidi Wall
Managers: Vincent Mocco,'15 Robert Bakerian,'15, Kyle Moss,'15

Girls Lacrosse Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 4-8-2

April 1, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Middlesex	A		
April 4, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. Nobles	H	Loss	6-9
April 8, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	Win	12-7
April 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Pingree	H	Win	8-5
April 15, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	H	Loss	8-13
April 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Groton	H	Loss	14-15
April 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. NMH	A	Loss	8-10
April 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Taft	H	Loss	13-14
April 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Governor's	A	Loss	12-16
May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Loss	8-11
May 6, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Milton	A	Tie	10-10
May 9, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. Loomis	H	Tie	11-11
May 13, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Thayer	A	Loss	7-8
May 20, 2015 at 2:15 PM	Game vs. Brooks	A	Win	16-8
May 22, 2015 at 5:30 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	11-10

Young Team Hungry for Success

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

While many other teams traveled to warm climates to practice and play games over spring break, Andover Girls Lacrosse braved the cold, wind and snow to practice on campus.

"It was so cold we had to wear four layers: t-shirt, long sleeve, sweatshirt and jacket," said Jordy Fenton '17.

Andover alternated strength and conditioning training at AP Sports, an off-campus facility, to supplement on-campus practice to create a well-rounded preseason workout.

"It was really nice to be able to come back the first couple of days before school started and get together and toss the ball around. We worked hard and got a lot of workouts in," Courtney Masotti '17 said.

Tryouts began on Tuesday, and the roster is expected to be finalized by Friday.

Beth Krikorian '17 said, "There are lots of promising newcomers. We have lots of great Juniors, new Lowers and Uppers. We really have strong players in all grades."

The team has recorded a winning record each season since 2010. Last year the team's streak was almost snapped as they finished with a final record of 10-9.

Last year's team was comprised of eight Seniors, six Uppers, four Lowers and four Juniors. Of the eight Seniors the team lost, two were attackers, two were defenders, three were midfielders and one was a goalkeeper.

Ashlyn Aiello '14, the team's only goalkeeper, graduated with the Senior class and will need a replacement. Former Captain Nekele McCall '14 will be greatly missed for her great leadership and offensive prowess. This year's Captain, Caroline Garrity '15, is already filling the shoes of her predecessor and acknowledges the massive responsibility of her role.

Garrity said, "My teammates – on and off the field, during school, at sports – are looking up to me in every single way possible. Being a Senior in itself is important, but being a captain even more so, because you're leaving a legacy on this team and you're hoping that with your instruction and your guidance that the girls behind you will follow in your footsteps."

Garrity will not be leading the team all alone, however. Senior and defender Tessa Peterson '15 said, "Leadership of the team is apportioned to all the Seniors in the rigor and hustle that we bring to our practices, but I still feel pretty modest about my individual lacrosse game."

Andover still has time to organize itself, practice, and develop team camaraderie, since its first game is not until this April 1 against Middlesex. The team will look to kick off its season on a strong note.

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Captain Caroline Garrity '15 will play at Harvard next year.

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Andover found the back of the net 12 times against Deerfield.

By Arthur Palelogos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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With just 11 seconds left in the first half, Captain Caroline Garrity '15 weaved her way through a wall of Deerfield defenders and fired a laser into the back of the net, her fourth goal of the game. She extended Andover Girls Lacrosse's lead to two goals against Deerfield on Wednesday, bringing the halftime score to 6-4.

Andover went on to defeat Deerfield 12-7 in its first win of the season, after a tough 9-6 loss against Nobles on Saturday.

On Saturday, Andover fell to Nobles after a hard fought and gritty game. The team was looking to build off of its performance in its preseason scrimmage against Middlesex.

Head Coach Martha Fenton said, "Our focus coming out of the scrimmage was to put together two strong halves of lacrosse and to really take care of the ball, both in transition and in our offensive end."

She continued, "We recognize that our fitness level needs to improve to be able to play strong for 50 minutes, and we also know that we will have to work on our communication on the field."

Andover led Nobles at halftime as the score stood at 5-2. Nobles, however, had a strong response in the second half and pulled off a 9-6 win in the end.

Kelly McCarthy '16 said, "Our lull in the second half was a result of having four goals scored on us within a span of about five minutes. Lacrosse is very much a game of momentum, so it was hard to reverse the energy that that Nobles generated in the second half."

Attacker Eliza Quigley '15 led the team offensively with three goals and two assists. Garrity had two goals and an assist.

While other sports on campus cancelled their games and practices on Wednesday due to the bitter cold and snow, Girls Lacrosse and its fans weathered the brutal conditions. The players huddled closely under towels and blankets on the sideline to stay warm.

Assistant Coach Heidi Wall said, "Against Nobles, we had a good, strong first half, and then we let up quite a bit in the second half. We were looking to try to play more consistently [against Deerfield]. I think being up by a couple at the half – we knew that that wasn't going to be good enough, and so we were looking to come out strong."

Garrity, Andover's center midfielder, had eight goals to her name by the final horn – two thirds of Andover's goals and one more goal than the entire Deerfield team.

Garrity said, "The team has been working very hard this week, spending time on and off the field. We bounce back quickly from a game like Nobles because we know we can do much better, and we are demanding more of ourselves and our teammates as the season continues."

Nora McNamara-Bordewick '16 was second in scoring with three goals on four shots on net. Additionally, McNamara-Bordewick, Beth Krikorian '17 and Hannah Burns '15 each had two assists.

Kinsey Yost '15 said, "I think that as a whole, the team is going to focus on continuing to get solid results off ground balls and draws. Those two elements of the game are crucial. Whichever team wins those ground balls and draws dominates, scores and wins. I'm confident in my teammates."

Andover's next game is Friday against Pingree at 6 p.m. The game was originally scheduled to be at Pingree but will instead be a home game at Andover under the lights.

Girls Topple Pingree, Fall to St. Paul's

By Arthur Paleologos
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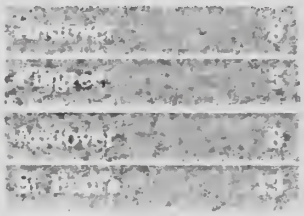

Eliza Quigley '15 charged down the field late in the second half against St. Paul's on Wednesday and snuck a pass to Elizabeth Welch '18 at the last second, who put the assist away for the first goal of her Andover Girls Lacrosse career.

"We came in knowing St. Paul's was a tough opponent and that we had to play our best," said Welch.

Coming off a 8-5 victory over Pingree the previous Saturday, Andover fell 13-8 to St. Paul's on Wednesday. With the victory, St. Paul's maintained its perfect record.

With two crucial assists, attacker Beth Krikorian '17 was voted the Most Valuable Player of the game against St. Paul's by her teammates. Additionally, Quigley had two goals and one assist and Hannah Burns '15 had a goal and an assist.

Krikorian said, "I was just trying to feed my teammates and hope something good came out of it and a lot of nice looks came from that. That was great, especially in the second half."

Captain Caroline Garrity '15 scored two goals on five shots on net, as well as one from a free position shot on net.

Garrity said, "We were going to start off quickly...we didn't go in scared. We went in knowing we had to come on strong."

At one point in the first half, Andover led St. Paul's 4-3. As the first half progressed, however, St. Paul's scored nine unanswered goals before halftime. St. Paul's took a 12-4 lead into the second half.

Although it could have folded when it was down by eight goals, Andover instead showed resiliency in the second half. Andover's offense scored an additional four goals while limiting the St. Paul's offense to just one goal.

Head Coach Martha Fenton said, "I think we just wanted to be able to dictate the flow of the game a little more than we did. I think we allowed them to run-and-gun us, and that's not the style that we can play against...We deferred to them, and we had a really hard time controlling the draws, and that's where we lost our momentum."

At Pingree on Saturday, Andover found more success in its 8-5 win. Garrity scored three goals from six shots on net and Kelly McCarthy '16 had two goals from three shots on net.

Burns and Nora McNamara-Bordewick '16 each had a goal and an assist.

Ashley Tucker '18, who was voted Most Valuable Player of the game for her defensive performance, said, "I had a lot of fun in the game against Pingree, and I think it was one of the better games I have played so far, but I definitely still have a lot of work to do and am looking to improve a lot more throughout the season."

Andover looks to boost its 2-2 record in its upcoming games against Groton on Saturday and Northfield Mount Hermon next Wednesday.

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Kelly McCarthy '16 scored twice against Pingree.

Girls Falter in Nailbiter Losses

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	14
Groton	15
Andover	8
NMH	10

Andover Girls Lacrosse suffered two close losses this week as the team fell to Groton at home on Saturday by a 14-15 margin and dropped a close away game against Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) on Wednesday by a score of 8-10.

Five of Andover's players were missing from the roster during the game against Groton, leaving only two substitutes in addition to the starting lineup. Although outnumbered, Andover was nowhere near outmatched. Groton did not take the lead in the game until 13 minutes after the first draw, and from then on, the two teams alternated leads of one to two goals all the way until the last second of the game.

"We were really offensively strong at first, but they kept up with our intensity. It was a game of momentum swings. Had we had everyone there, I think the team would have been less exhausted by the end, and we would have been playing as the whole unit that we are," said Jordy Fenton '17.

Claire Kister '16 had a notable defensive performance, with two interceptions, three controlled ground balls and one forced turnover that took away from Groton's offensive momentum.

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Kelly McCarthy '16 scoops a groundball while shielding her defender.

Andover scored a season-high 14 goals, but Groton's relentless offense worked to keep the game close. Attacker Eliza Quigley '15 scored five goals and had one assist while Captain Caroline Garrity '15 tallied four goals and an assist.

Hannah Burns '15 and Beth Krikorian '17 were both major offensive playmakers with three assists each. Burns also tallied three goals against Groton.

Coming off the loss to Groton, the team then made the two hour trek to face an undefeated NMH.

Lauren Overly '17 scored her first goal of the season on an assist from Burns.

Overly said, "I was happy to be able to help the team and contribute. [Burns] did a great job of pulling a double team, which pulled my defender away from me."

Garrity scored three goals and Burns added two. Krikorian set up her teammates well with two assists against NMH.

Garrity said, "We came out slow in the first few minutes of the game. After the coaches called a timeout, we picked up our game. We were all disappointed and frustrated after this game. It was a winnable game that we just couldn't pull away with. We came together as a team after the game - knowing we need to push each other harder and expect more from our teammates and ourselves. I'm confident that this game Saturday will be the first of many wins this season."

Andover hopes to show its resiliency and bounce back from its slow start this week against a 2-4 Taft team at home on Saturday. The team will then travel to compete against Governor's, who possess an unblemished 5-0 record.

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Captain Caroline Garrity '15 racked up four goals against Groton.

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Andover Hungry for First Win

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	13
Taft	14
Andover	12
Governor's	16

In the final minute of Andover Girls Lacrosse's game against Governor's, Olivia LaMarche '16 found the back of the net for her first time this season. Her efforts were not enough, however, as the team eventually fell 16-12 on Wednesday, four days after losing a close 14-13 game to Taft.

The strong Governor's team entered the game with a 5-2 record. Andover was led by Captain Caroline Garrity '15 and Eliza Quigley '15, who scored five goals and three goals, respectively. Garrity also had three assists.

"When Governor's scored a couple quick goals at the beginning of the game, I feel like we lost some of our energy as a team. We brought more intensity in the second half than in the first, but it wasn't enough to pull out a win," said defender Courtney Masotti '17.

Ashley Tucker '18 added, "We need to keep working on our ground balls and draw controls as well as transitioning from man to zone."

The team adopted a new zone defense during the game, which it hopes will back up the increasingly strong offensive effort the attackers are putting up. The team is undefeated in games in which its opponent has scored less than eight goals.

On Saturday, the team faced Taft on its home turf. Things were looking up halfway through the game, as it had a 7-4 lead.

In the second half, Taft outscored Andover eight to five and forced the game into overtime. In overtime, Taft outscored Andover again to claim a 14-13 victory.

Attacker Beth Krikorian '17 had three goals and four assists, season highs for her in both categories.

She said, "Ever since I started playing lacrosse, I've loved to feed people from behind the net. I usually find myself playing behind the right side of the net, so I love to feed my teammates from there and use the crease to drive to net. I've been working on taking the ball to the goal recently and taking my defender one on one, but finding my teammates on the open pass."

Quigley, who had four goals and two assists in the game, said, "Looking back on the game, there are definitely a few things we are looking to change, but as a team we are trying to look ahead to the remainder of our season rather than worry about the past. Our goalie Emma Kelley '17 has been stepping up big, keeping us in these close games, and it would be awesome if we could all help her out and get on the winning side of things this week."

Attacker Nora McNamara-Bordewick '15 contributed to Andover's offense as well, with three goals and one assist.

She said, "We worked in practice all week on being more efficient in the midfield and capitalizing on our possessions. During the games, we tried a new way of breaking the ball up the field, which really helped us obtain our lead in the first half."

Garrity leads her team in goals this season with 30, followed by Eliza Quigley, who has 18. Krikorian leads the team in assists with 13, followed by Quigley and Hannah Burns '15 who each have nine assists.

Andover looks to improve its current regular season record of 2-6 as it faces Tabor at home on Saturday.

Garrity '15 Tallies Five Goals In Tie Against Loomis

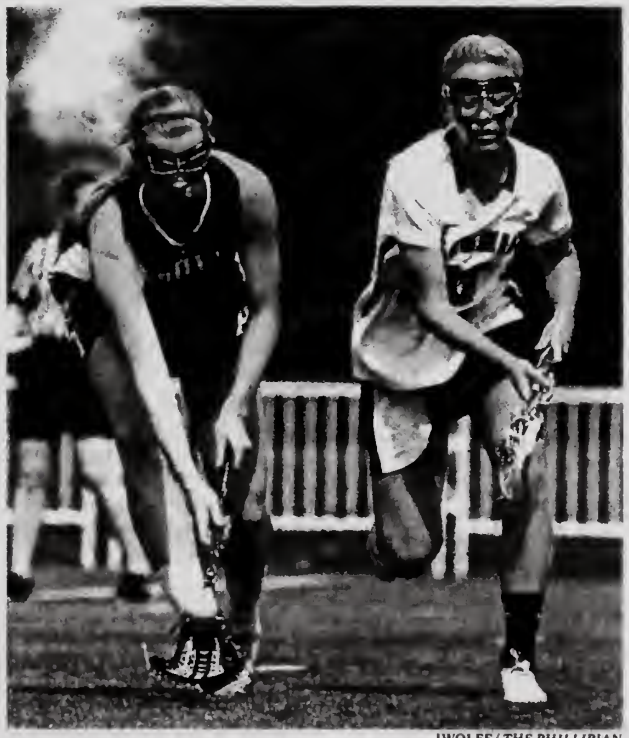
By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	11
Loomis	11
Andover	7
Thayer	8

Trailing Loomis Chaffee 10-9 in the final minute of regulation during the last home game of her Andover career under the lights, Captain Caroline Garrity '15 once again came through for Andover, scoring a desperately-needed goal with just seconds on the clock. The equalizer brought the score to 10-10 and forced overtime. The game ended in an 11-11 tie after two overtime periods.

Andover seized a 4-0 lead in the first five minutes of the game, as Loomis had difficulty gaining possession of the ball and even greater difficulty getting out of its defensive zone. As the first half progressed, Loomis picked up its pace, netting five goals to bring the halftime score to 7-5 Andover.

Beth Krikorian '17, Eliza Quigley '15 and Hannah Burns '15 each tallied two goals. Burns and Garrity each had an assist, and Garrity ended up scoring five goals in total.



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Eliza Quigley '15 recorded her fifth hat trick of the season against Loomis.

Krikorian said, "We had a go amount of eight meter shots. wasn't so much assisted go as much as we had a lot of gre drives on net."

Andover won 14 draws in t game, a season high for the tea which proved crucial to mai taining momentum. Garrity w nine of the 14 draws – her seco best draw performance of t season.

On Wednesday, Andover fell Thayer 8-7.

Andover limited Thayer to shots on net but could not m ter offensive momentum on t other end. It had not allowed few shots on net since its thi game of the season against Pi gree.

Cassie Chin '17 said, "We did let them get too much mome tum, so they didn't have a chan to stick together a lot of consec tive goals."

Goalie Emma Kelley '17 sa "Early on in the season, a l of the shots were right on t crease. I think with practi we've gotten better at defen especially with transitioning. V are guarding cutters much b ter, and the defense is pushi the shots to bad angles."

Quigley had her fifth hat tri of the season in addition to assist.

Andover holds a record of 2-2 going into the last two gam of its season, which includes showdown against rival Philli Exeter Academy.

Andover does not have a gar over the weekend, so it will ha an entire week to prepare for penultimate game of the seasor an away game against Brooks.

LACROSSE

Girls Score Season-High 16 Goals Against Brooks

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

A-16

B-8

In the second to last game of her Andover career, Captain Caroline Garrity '15 won the initial face-off and sprinted down the field, weaving through a web of defenders to fire the first shot of the game on the net. Andover's opponent quickly moved the ball up the field, controlling the ball until Goalie Emma Kelley '17 intercepted a pass. This initial sequence set the tone for what would be a fast-paced game against Brooks on Wednesday in which Andover would ultimately triumph 16-8.

"The first draw of the game, and the couple of possessions after it, were intense because we didn't know if we were in for another tough game. We just didn't know how things were going to play out," said defender Tessa Peterson '15.

Andover did not have a game over the weekend, so the players and coaches had time to smooth out some rough edges without worrying about fatigue affecting the team's performance.

Andover had nine assists this game, a sharp improvement compared to its combined six assists in its previous two games.

Beth Krikorian '17 continued to contribute offensively as one of the younger members on the team. She earned her second hat trick of the season and assisted her teammates twice.

Krikorian said, "Everyone was moving to the middle and trying to create space for each other really well. Eventually, enough space opened up for me to drive and take a good shot."

Hannah Burns '15 also had a hat trick and an assist, and Nora McNamara-Bordewick '16 and Eliza Quigley '15 each had two goals and an assist. Kelly McCarthy '16 had one goal and one assist.

Garrity netted four goals and assisted once. Ashley Tucker '18 had two assists and scored her second goal of the season.

Defensively, Andover forced eight turnovers, controlled seven ground balls and intercepted three passes.

Burns, Krikorian and Garrity collectively controlled 14 of the draws, which proved crucial to Andover's stellar performance, opening up offensive opportunities and keeping Brooks away from Andover's net.

"The Brooks game [was] so much fun. We came out flying in the first half and put four goals away earlier, which led them to take a timeout. The defense caused turnovers both in the defensive and midfield zones," said Garrity. "We're ready for Exeter. Exeter is the ultimate factor in how the season ends. It's my last [Andover/Exeter] ever – very bittersweet."

After a six game losing streak in the middle of the season, Andover tied both Milton Academy and Loomis-Chaffee School 11-11 last week. With the win this week against Brooks, the team's record now stands 3-8-2, topping its season high for goals scored in a single game, which had previously been set in its game against Groton on April 18. The win against Brooks shows that Andover is recovering from the tough losses earlier in the season, as it looks to close the season on a high note.

Andover hopes to build off of the momentum and morale boost from the recent victory as it goes into battle against its rival, Exeter. Andover will face off against Exeter, who is 7-5-2 this season, at 5:30 today.

Girls Conclude Season With Close Victory

By Arthur Paleologos
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

A-11
E-10

With the score tied 10-10 and three seconds left on the clock in the final game of the season, Hannah Burns '15 drilled a shot past the Phillips Exeter Academy goalie and into the back of the net for Andover Girls Lacrosse. Her goal sealed an 11-10 Andover victory and finalized a 4-8-2 season record.

Andover's Seniors played with the bittersweet knowledge that it would be their last Andover athletic contest. Captain Caroline Garrity '15 said, "We had nothing to lose going into the Exeter game. We played for ourselves, our coaches and our teammates. There's no better feeling than beating your rival school in the last game of your high school career."

After Burns scored the first goal of the game, Exeter quickly responded to tie the game 1-1. A sustained defensive effort by Andover resulted in multiple turnovers and brought the score to 5-2 in its favor.

Refusing to let Andover take control of the game, however, Exeter reversed the momentum for the latter part of the first half. By halftime, the score of the game was 8-5 in favor of Exeter.

Many of Exeter's goals developed when it sent two attackers into Andover's defensive zone. Several of its goals also came from man-up fast breaks, since Exeter was very good at creating offensive pressure from its low attackers.

Andover matched Exeter's intensity in the second half to keep the game close. The defense played a huge role as it only allowed two goals the entire second half.

As the back-and-forth second half began to wind down, Garrity tied everything up at ten goals apiece. The equalizer led the way for Burns to finish off the game.

Attacker Beth Krikorian '17 said, "We all definitely had a good feeling after the game. It had all worked out in the end. It was definitely one of the most exciting sports games I've ever played in."

Despite a losing record, the Seniors felt great about their season and time on the team.

Tessa Peterson '15, a four-year member of the team, said, "[The game] was unbelievable, and as a Senior, I felt this incredible sense of liberation, pride and reassurance that we did our job and did it well."

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Beth Krikorian '17 evades a defender.

Sport: Softball

Year: 2015

Captain: Ravenne Nasser

Coach: Peter Drench

Assistant Coach: Bruce Bacon

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Bere, Colby
Bergeron, Victoria
Bradford, Mackenzie
Bradford, Madison
Carmichael, Sarah
Comer, Madeline
Ericksonm Courtney
Haghdan, Kristina
Holder, Sidney
Kaplan, Jennifer
Kim, Eun Jae
Lin, Rachael
Moreau, Jeanine
Naser, Ravene
Nestor Miranda
Nunes, Alison
Tammaro, Antonia
Thompson, Kayla

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
SOFTBALL VARSITY
2015

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
2	Haghdan, Kristina	2017	Pelham, NH
3	Bradford, Mackenzie	2015	Paradise Valley, AZ
4	Bergeron, Victoria	2016	The Woodlands, TX
5	Nestor, Miranda	2016	Reading, MA
7	Nunes, Alison	2017	Andover, MA
8	Comer, Madeline	2016	North Reading, MA
9	Thompson, Kayla	2015	Montclair, NJ
10	Bragdon, Margaret	2018	Dover, MA
11	Kim, Eun Jae	2015	Honolulu, HI
12	Bere, Colby	2018	North Andover, MA
13	Bradford, Madison	2017	Paradise Valley, AZ
14	Carmichael, Sarah	2018	Andover, MA
18	Holder, Sidney	2017	West Orange, NJ
19	Moreau, Jeanine	2016	Litchfield, CT
21	Kaplan, Jennifer	2015	Auburndale, MA
22	Lin, Rachel	2018	Irvine, CA
23	Tammaro, Antonia	2017	Lynnfield, MA
24	Erickson, Courtney	2015	Everett, MA
25	Nasser, Ravenne	2015	Methuen, MA

Coach: Peter Drench
Assistant Coach: Bruce Bacon
Managers: Alexandra Houle-Dupont, '15, Carlotta Onnis, '15, Alexander Emerson, '17

Softball Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 15-0-0*

March 28, 2015 at 9:10 PM	Game vs. North Reading	A		
April 4, 2015 at 2:15 PM	Game vs. Andover High	A		
April 8, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Nobles	A		
April 10, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Governor's	H	CXL	
April 15, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. St. Paul's	H	Win	8-0
April 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Game vs. North Reading	H	Win	6-4
April 18, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. North Reading	H	Win	11-0
April 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. BB&N	H	Win	6-2
April 25, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Tabor	H	Win	18-0
April 29, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Win	10-0
May 2, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Game vs. Worcester	A	Win	13-4
May 6, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. BB&N	H	Win	9-1
May 8, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Lawrence Academy	H	Win	3-2
May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Win	10-0
May 16, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Big East – PA vs TABOR	H	Win	9-0
	Big East – PA vs BBN	H	Win	11-1
May 17, 2015 at 9:00 PM	Big East – PA vs PEA	H	Win	11-1
	Big East – PA vs PEA	H	Win	22-3
May 20, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Game vs. Brooks	A	Win	9-2
May 21, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Concord-Carlisle	H	Win	9-0
May 23, 2015 at 1:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	11-0
May 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Win	8-0

* Big East as one win

SOFTBALL

Haghdan Shutout, Four Bergeron RBI Lead PA Over St. Paul's in Home Opener
At home on April 15, 2015 at 3:30 PM

25 days after PA's preseason games in Florida, the Blue was able to play a regular-season game after several cancellations. Facing a tough pitcher and shaking off rust at bat, PA rode a dominating, 2-hit,16-K performance by Kristina Haghdan to an 8-0 win.

Kristina Haghdan struck out 16 en route to an 8-0 victory in her home debut. After hitting St. Paul's leadoff batter with her first pitch, Haghdan K'd nine in a row and went on to walk just one while allowing two singles. Nursing a 1-0 lead, PA used its short game to break it open in the home fourth inning by pressuring the Big Red with a succession of bunts. The Blue added three more tallies in the sixth. SPS hurler Taryn Collins fanned 11, but 3B Victoria Bergeron (2 hits, 4 RBI), LF Jen Kaplan (RBI), CF Antonia Tammaro (RBI), and RF EJ Kim supplied hits, and a wild pitch and a passed ball accounted for the other runs. Haghdan and C Mackenzie Bradford formed a smooth battery, and the other fielders had to account for only five outs.

Pair of Two-Out Round-Trippers Lifts PA to Victory at Last Moment
At home on April 18, 2015 at 2:30 PM

The script changed dramatically in Game 2 of the twin bill. With PA down, 4-2, in the 7th, RF Madi Bradford led off with a single, but was still stuck at third base after two outs. The Blue would eke out three more at-bats and those would tell the tale.

Trailing, 2-0, right at the start, PA struggled to tie the game, scoring one run in the home first and scratching out another in the fourth inning. But the Hornets caught everything that was hit hard and quickly pulled ahead, 4-2, with two more runs in the top of the fifth frame. The visitors held onto that advantage until there were two out in the home seventh and Madi Bradford, who had singled to lead off the inning, seemingly stranded at third base. 2B Colby Bere crushed a two-run homer over the left-center field fence to tie the game and moments later, after CF Kristina Haghdan had beaten out an infield hit, C Mackenzie Bradford took a 1-0 offering over the fence to the opposite field for a walk-off, two-run dinger, giving PA an exciting come-from-behind win. 3B Victoria Bergeron, SS Courtney Erickson, LF Kayla Thompson and RF Rachel Lin stood out offensively and/or defensively, and Ravenne Nasser (1-0) picked up the win in relief of starting pitcher Jen Kaplan.

Haghdan Tosses No-Hitter, Adds Three Hits, as PA Lineup Erupts in 11-0 Win
At home on April 18, 2015 at 4:30 PM

The annual home DH with NRHS produced a tale of two very different games, making for a special day of softball. Kristina Haghdan (2-0) hurled a no-hitter in Game 1, but it took a couple of 2-out, 2-run HRs in the home 7th to lift PA to victory in Game 2.

Haghdan herself contributed three hits to the attack, as did 1B Ravenne Nasser, whose trio of safeties included two home runs, good for four RBI. 3B Victoria Bergeron, C Mackenzie Bradford, SS Courtney Erickson and RF Madi Bradford chipped in with two hits apiece, as PA pulled away in the middle innings and cruised on the strength of a robust attack and an error-free game in the field.

Nasser's 15 Strikeouts and Erickson's Hitting Lead Blue Over Knights, 6-2
At home on April 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Ravenne Nasser (2-0), making her first start of the regular season in the circle, fanned 15 while limiting visiting BB&N to one earned run, while SS Courtney Erickson rapped three hits and 1B Sidney Holder added two safeties to key PA's 6-2 victory.

Two errors sandwiched around a single by 1B Sidney Holder gave the Blue a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning, but BB&N responded right away despite Nasser's striking out the side in the top of the fourth. With one out, a single by 1B Jackie Diffley was misplayed into two bases and, with two down, Diffley broke for third, coaxing an overthrow that sent her home with the tying run. Nasser dispatched

the batter to end the frame with three K's and unearned run. PA erupted for five runs in the home fifth to break open the game. Holder led off with a double off the right field fence. 3B Victoria Bergeron beat out a bunt, moving Holder to third. She scored moments later on a passed ball, Bergeron advancing to third. Haghdan reached on a fielder's choice, scoring Bergeron, before doubles by Nasser and Erickson plated more runs. C Mackenzie Bradford walked, 2B Colby Bere singled, loading the bases. After a strikeout, DP Antonia Tammaro walked, forcing in Nasser. A pop-out ended the rally. Knights SS Sara Lopez-Wheeler smacked a two-out homer in the top of the sixth, leaving the score where it would stand at game's end, 6-2, PA.

Big (Blue) First Inning Keys Run-Rule Rout Over Big Red
At home on April 29, 2015 at 2:45 PM

A 6-run first inning gave Ravenne Nasser (3-0) a cushion and she held PEA to 3 hits while fanning 7 in a 10-0 whitewash halted by the run rule. 2B Colby Bere and LF Maddie Comer had 2 RBI each, and SS Courtney Erickson reached base all 3 times up.

3B Victoria Bergeron led off the home first inning with a booming double, CF Kristina Haghdan walked and both moved up on a wild pitch. SS Courtney Erickson singled home Bergeron and P Ravenne Nasser's infield hit loaded the bases. C Mackenzie Bradford walked, sending home Haghdan, and 2B Colby Bere singled, scoring Erickson and Nasser. Another wild pitch advanced Bradford and Bere, before LF Jen Kaplan drove in Bradford. Bere scored moments later on a third wild pitch. Three quick outs ended the inning, with the Blue ahead, 6-0. P Courtney Gibeley led off PEA's fifth inning with a smash off the right-center field fence that CF Antonia Tammaro quickly recovered to cut down Gibeley heading for second base with a great throw. PA didn't score again until the home fifth, taking advantage of control problems. Erickson walked, moved to second base via a wild pitch during an ensuing strikeout, and Mackenzie Bradford also walked. Another pitch that got away allowed Erickson to score and sent Bradford into scoring position. RF Madi Bradford doubled to left, followed by a 2-RBI single to right by LF Maddie Comer. 1B Sidney Holder and 2B Jeanine Moreau both earned free passes, loading the bases. A fielder's choice cut down Comer at the plate, but a final base on balls to CF Antonia Tammaro pushed Holder across with the game's final run. It was PA's second straight shutout, run-rule win. The Blue head west to Worcester Academy's New Balance Field to meet the host Hilltoppers on Saturday at 3:15 p.m.

Tammaro HR, Thompson Triple, Kaplan Double, Bradford's 3 Hits Lead 16-Hit Attack Against Worcester
At Worcester on May 2, 2015 at 3:15 PM

Backed by an early offensive barrage, P Kristina Haghdan (4-0) gave up 5 hits, fanned 12 and walked none. WA rallied for 4 runs on 3 hits, aided by three Blue errors after PA carried a 10-0 lead into the home sixth inning. Otherwise, Haghdan was dominant.

C Mackenzie Bradford and SS Courtney Erickson each rapped three hits, CF Kayla Thompson came off the bench to triple to deep left field, LF Jen Kaplan belted a long double, DP Madi Bradford contributed a couple of base knocks and 2B Colby Bere drove home two runs with a single. The most dramatic blow came off the bat of Antonia Tammaro, who launched a two-run homer over WA's distant left field fence. Seventeen different players saw action for PA (7-0), who host BB&N on Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. and Lawrence Academy on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Four Home Runs Overshadow Nasser No-Hitter As PA Pulls Away From BB&N, 9-1
At home on May 6, 2015 at 3:45 PM

Round-trippers by Colby Bere, Mackenzie Bradford, Courtney Erickson and Ravenne Nasser powered PA over the visiting Knights. The Blue made the most of their nine hits, five of which went for extra bases. The team remains unbeaten through eight games.

It was easy to overlook in the midst of PA's offensive display, but P Ravenne Nasser (4-0) quietly tossed a no-hitter, striking out ten and walking only one batter. In one stretch, Nasser retired 17 BB&N batters in a row. The opportunistic Knights scored an unearned run in the top of the seventh via an error, wild pitch, passed ball and fielder's choice. PA smashed four home runs; only Erickson, who went 3-for-3, registered more than one hit, but the quartet of homers produced seven of Andover's nine runs. Bere's

was a solo shot, and Erickson and Nasser went back-to-back in the home sixth. The big blow came earlier, off the bat of Mackenzie Bradford, whose second grand slam of the season put the Blue in command in the bottom of the fourth inning. Fifteen different players saw action in the game. PA hosts Lawrence Academy on Friday at 4:30 p.m.

Bere Home Run, Haghdan Pitching Slip Blue Past Spartans, 3-2
At home on May 8, 2015 at 4:30 PM

If ever a one-hit, 13-strikeout win could be called a *grinder*, it was today's game. Kristina Haghdan allowed only one ball to be hit to the outfield but two unearned runs made things tight. Colby Bere's 3rd homer of the season provided the winning margin.

P Kristina Haghdan allowed only one hit, a 5th inning bloop single that fell just outside the left field line, struck out thirteen and walked only two batters, but she had to work harder than usual to run her record to 5-0 on the season. Haghdan threw 121 pitches, as the Spartan hitters repeatedly battled deep into the count. Seven LA batters saw more than six pitches in their plate appearances, and seven more required Haghdan to throw three additional pitches after she had two strikes on them. Helped by two infield errors following their only hit in the top of the fifth inning, LA cut Andover's lead to one run. Fortunately, a fourth inning solo home run by 2B Colby Bere turned out to provide the winning margin and Haghdan made sure that her one-run lead stood up. DP Ravenne Nasser and C Mackenzie Bradford had the other RBIs for PA in a two-run first inning that seemed to signal another run-fest, but that was not to be. Spartan P Adeline McCullough gathered herself and limited PA to its lowest run total of the season. She was helped by a defense that improved throughout the game, in particular, 3B Kaelyn Rooney put on a fielding clinic in the bottom of the sixth. PA (9-0) travels to Deerfield (3-7) tomorrow for a 2:00 p.m. game.

Nasser's Pitching, Six Blue Extra-Base Hits Power PA Past Green, 10-0
At Deerfield on May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Ravenne Nasser (5-0) pitched six scoreless innings and Margaret Brayton completed the shutout by dispatching Deerfield in the seventh to key a 10-0 road win. The bats provided the power, including two doubles, three triples and a Jen Kaplan home run.

Nasser yielded three hits, while striking out seven and walking one batter. 3B Victoria Bergeron doubled, C Mackenzie Bradford and 1B Sidney Holder tripled, and CF Kristina Haghdan doubled AND tripled as PA's bats revived in the beautiful Western Massachusetts sunshine after a quiet day on Friday. Some of the harder-hit balls didn't produce results: 2B Colby Bere was robbed twice of extra bases on stellar catches by Deerfield CF Emmy Latham. Nasser had a line drive picked off, and SS Courtney Erickson's laser shot to right field curled sharply as it flew over the fence and ran past the wrong side of the foul pole. Bradford had three RBIs, LF Miranda Nestor contributed two more, and Haghdan, Nasser, Bere and Holder drove in one run apiece. The most dramatic blow came off the bat of Jen Kaplan, whose pinch-hit, solo home run soared over the left field fence and into the trees beyond. A double play started by Erickson and Kayla Thompson's fine running catch in center field provided PA's defensive highlights. The Blue's next game will be next Saturday morning in the first round of the Big East Tournament, co-hosted with Brooks School.

Blue Advance to Big East Semi-Finals With Two Wins
At home on May 16, 2015 at 9:00 PM

PA won its 1st & 2nd round games in the 15th Big East Invitational Tournament which is co-hosted with Brooks. The Blue face Exeter on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in a winners bracket game, while BB&N and Nobles play to stave off elimination. Both games are at PA.

The Big East Invitational Softball Tournament is in its 15th year. PA came in as the top seed this season. On the tourney's first day, the Blue were led by the strong pitching of Ravenne Nasser and Kristina Haghdan, which combined with power-hitting that produced four home runs on the day, struck by Nasser (2), SS Courtney Erickson and C Mackenzie Bradford. Haghdan topped BB&N by pitching a no-hitter which was marred by an unearned run. PA rapped twenty runs in its two games, including five by

Haghdan and 2B Colby Bere. Nasser drove in seven runs in the two games. Erickson turned in several fine defensive plays and 3B Victoria Bergeron contributed two doubles. PA's season mark stands at 12-0.

Blue Bashes Its Way to Big East Crown
At home on May 17, 2015 at 9:00 PM

PA's 4-game power display, highlighted by 7 home runs hit by three different players, made it easy for pitchers who combined to limit their opponents to a dozen hits in 23.0 innings, while striking out 29 and walking just 4. PA outscored its foes, 52-5.

Ravenne Nasser dominated from the pitcher's circle, played first base and wreaked havoc from the batter's box to lead the Blue to a sweep of its games in the 2015 Big East Invitational Softball Tournament, which it has co-hosted with Brooks since 2001. Nasser, 2-0 in tourney action, allowed six hits in her 12.0 innings of pitching, striking out 18 and walking none. She also smacked one home run in each of the team's four games, in the process driving in twelve runs. Her pitching partner Kristina Haghdan duplicated Nasser's 2-0 pitching mark and also played center field, contributing eight hits and driving in six runs. Shortstop Courtney Erickson had a fine tournament in the field and exploded for eight RBI in the title game, including two mammoth home runs. The Blue topped Tabor Academy, 9-0, BB&N, 11-1, and Exeter twice, 11-1 and 22-3; three of the games were ended by the run rule.

Exeter clawed its way into its first BET final by demolishing Worcester Academy, 12-1, defeating Brooks, 9-3, and, after its loss to PA on Sunday morning, coming from way back to overtake BB&N in the elimination game, 11-10 in eight innings. The toll taken to reach the championship game, notably a spectacularly draining battle with BB&N's Knights, left the Red below full strength in the circle and having to face a PA team whose lineup had been pounding the ball. In addition to Nasser, Haghdan and Erickson, Mackenzie Bradford hit a tournament home run, and Victoria Bergeron, Colby Bere and Sidney Holder, among others, were spraying hits all over the field. The total number of base knocks ended up reaching 56; PA's opponents managed 12. Except for a bizarre, five-miscue first inning in its second game, PA's defense committed only one error in the other 22 innings it was in the field. Pitching + Defense + Power Hitting = Championship, and it was this formula that showed PA the way to its fifth Big East title.

Sunday Results:
Game 11: Phillips Andover 11 - Phillips Exeter 1 (5 inns)
Game 12: BB&N 9 - Nobles 7
Game 13: Phillips Exeter 11 - BB&N 10 (8 inns)
Game 14: Phillips Andover 22 - Phillips Exeter 3 (5 inns)

All-Tournament Team:
Courtney Erickson, Kristina Haghdan, Ravenne Nasser (PA); Brittani Chapman, Lauren Fidelak, Courtney Gibley (Exeter); Shannon Griffin (BB&N); Gabriella Hillner (Brooks); Courtney Collins-Pisano (Nobles); Caroline Gow (Worcester Academy).

Most Valuable Player:
Ravenne Nasser (Andover).

PA (14-0) will visit Brooks on Wedneday at 2:45 p.m., host Concord-Carlisle HS on Thursday at 4:00 p.m., before traveling to Exeter on Saturday for the rivals' annual season-ending twin bill, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Eight Different Players Get Hits As PA Pulls Away from Brooks, 9-2
At Brooks on May 20, 2015 at 2:45 PM

Eight PA players slammed hits and six drove in runs in a game that was largely played at a desultory pace. Each of the Bradford sisters smacked triples. Brooks' outfield was tested by several deep fly balls and line drives and received high marks.

The game was slowed by the plate umpire's narrow strike zone, which resulted in deep counts and a total of thirteen walks, ten of them issued by Brooks. Only one PA starter "failed" to get a hit -- and she was walked three times. RBIs were contributed by Victoria Bergeron (2), Colby Bere, Mackenzie Bradford (2), Sidney Holder, Antonia Tammaro and Ravenne Nasser. Kristina Haghdan (8-0) got the win in the circle,

striking out 11 and adding a double to the hit parade. Two of the hardest-hit drives were struck by Haghdan, whose home run bid was caught at the center field fence, and Bergeron, whose rising line drive was snagged deep in right field.

Nasser Dominates in Circle and at Bat; PA Cruises, 9-0
At home on May 21, 2015 at 4:00 PM

The Blue hosted the Concord-Carlisle High Patriots in their annual friendly. This matchup has proved to be a good yardstick for the two teams, with independent school PA and Dual County League public school CCHS getting to see how the Other Half plays.

Ravenne Nasser (8-0) pitched a masterpiece, yielding four singles to the good-hitting young Patriots lineup, striking out six and walking none. She also went 3-for-3 at the plate, driving in two runs. Victoria Bergeron added 2 RBI, joined by Mackenzie Bradford, Kristina Haghdan, Antonia Tammaro and Courtney Erickson. A seven-run second inning provided a cushion and, very much in the spirit of the day, both benches were emptied. After the action ended, the team celebrated its members of the Class of 2015, six players and two managers. The Blue travel to Exeter on Saturday to play the traditional season-ending doubleheader, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Haghdan One-Hitter, Fourteen Strikeouts Complete Sweep to Nail Down Unbeaten Season
At Exeter on May 23, 2015 at 1:00 PM

Kristina Haghdan (9-0) dominated, hurling her fourth shutout of the season, in leading the Blue to a sweep of their season-ending doubleheader at Exeter. Haghdan also had a no-hitter to her credit this spring. A seven-run sixth inning sealed the win.

Ravenne Nasser's record-breaking 10th home run of the season followed senior outfielder Kayla Thompson's two-out, two-run single in PA's sixth-inning rally as the Blue pulled away late in the nightcap. LF Miranda Nestor and RF Madi Bradford also had key at-bats in the late innings, and Haghdan snuffed out a two-on, none-out threat in the home fourth inning. It's difficult to compare teams across different eras: not all teams played the same number of games and the opposition wasn't always of the same caliber. There were tournament titles to be chased in many, but not all seasons. Even the equipment has evolved and today's bats and softballs are livelier than in the past. Still, the accomplishments of the 2015 edition stand tall when set alongside those of past teams. PA's pitching duo of Nasser and Haghdan combined for ten shutouts this season, striking out 163 batters while walking only 17. The pair allowed 45 hits in 110.2 innings. Haghdan authored a no-hitter; Nasser allowed only one earned run all season. Meanwhile, the offense outscored PA's opposition 182-19, the second-largest run differential in PA's softball record book. This was a historic season put together by an entire team, as a comparison of cumulative team statistics shows. Nasser's teammates hit more home runs (14) than any other Blue TEAM had hit in one season. The total of 24 home runs crushed the previous mark of 13, set in 2011. Their 168 RBI surpassed the 147 driven in by the 1995 Blue, a squad which had 239 hits (to 207) but managed only four home runs. The unbeaten team of 2013 allowed one less run but, in a rainy spring, played five fewer games. This year's pitching staff, which also included Jen Kaplan and Margaret Bragdon, had the lowest WHIP and the second-lowest ERA in PA softball history. The 18 wins set a new standard, topping 1995's total by one. Six members of the Class of 2015 can enjoy forever their unblemished senior season: Mackenzie Bradford, Courtney Erickson, Jen Kaplan, EJ Kim, Ravenne Nasser and Kayla Thompson. Their younger teammates will have some big cleats to fill.

Six Seniors Lead DH Sweep at Exeter to Cap Second Unbeaten Softball Season in PA History
At Exeter on May 23, 2015 at 3:00 PM

Softball's Class of 2015 went out with a bang, taking both ends of the season-ending doubleheader at Exeter, 8-0 and 11-0 (6 innings). The Red had turned the same trick at PA a year ago, but today's two PA wins put an exclamation point on an 18-0 season.

It was a big day for Ravenne Nasser (9-0), who tossed her sixth shutout of 2015, and tied -- and then broke -- PA's single-season home run record with one round-tripper in each game. SS Courtney Erickson

contributed spotless defense, four hits and three RBI. C Mackenzie Bradford handled both ends of the twin bill, rapping three hits in the opener, and guiding Nasser and Kristina Haghdan through 13 scoreless innings while combining to yield only three hits, while amassing 19 strikeouts and walking two batters. Haghdan's whitewash was her fourth of the season. Bradford started every game behind the plate. LF Jen Kaplan closed out her PA career with a hit, EJ Kim patrolled right field one last game and, in the nightcap, CF Kayla Thompson struck the big blow, a two-out, two-run fifth-inning single that broke open the game. The six seniors made sure that their final day on the diamond for PA was a big one. 3B Victoria Bergeron also had a day to remember, handling numerous chances in the field while collecting four hits and five RBI in the two games. 2B Colby Bere, pinch-hitter Ali Nunes, outfielders Antonia Tammaro, and Miranda Nestor had one hit apiece, as did Sidney Holder, who played a slick first base in Game 1.

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Brb shoveling our fields so we can actually have : spring season

)ominant Offense Propels Andover to 6-1 Preseason Record

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'HILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

lover Softball kicked off its ı with a red-hot six game win-treak and ended a six-day trip lando, FL with a preseason l of 6-1. Five of Andover's vic- were won by at least 10. An- s opponents included West- er School, Hopkins School, ıus High School, The Hackley l, Lawrenceville and Newark my.

team's strong performance nly gave Andover hope for ɔut it also instilled confidence girls. With more depth and throughout its roster, Ando- s a good chance to improve on ar's 7-8 record.

ıd Coach Peter Drench said, were a young team in 2014, ɔnly two Seniors on the ros- ıe main challenge for a young is to achieve consistency and id erratic play. We had our ups ɔwns. Our weaknesses, largely ɔ inexperience, prevented us getting better results."

ɔtain and pitcher Ravenne r '15 has goals for the team that ı beyond the regular season. ser said, "We really want to be ı that works hard and hustles. ɔviously want to win the Big 'ournament, and I think we are tely capable of that especially keep improving. We already ·ally well together and have great additions to the team, so ‹ that we can make a run at the pionship."

lover graduated two impact 's last year, first baseman Katie er '14 and third baseman Kasey ng '14. New players are filling shoes, and upperclassmen are stepping into the leadership roles. Post-Graduate and shortstop Courtney Erickson '15, pitcher Kristina Haghdan '17, and second baseman Colby Beré '18 are among the many new players that add versatility and experience to the team. The new players credit the trip to Florida for helping the transition to the team.

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Captain Ravenne Nasser '15 will lead Andover on the mound this season.

Beré said, "By playing together in Florida, we got familiar with each other on and off the field. We have created a team chemistry that continues to strengthen and will translate well onto the field when the regular season starts."

This year, Andover has considerable depth at the mound. Nasser, Haghdan, Margaret Bragdon '18, and Jen Kaplan '15 all pitched in Florida and will share pitching time this season.

Returner and third baseman Victoria Bergeron '16 said, "We had our best performance in Florida out of the past three years that we have gone. We have a lot of depth in our pitchers and our infield is very solid. Especially with Nasser and Haghdan pitching fast, it will be hard for batters to get around on the ball. We are focusing on our bunt and slap defenses in practice, because we anticipate that teams will play short games when facing us."

The team is primarily focused on its defense and pitching, as Andover's bats came alive in Florida, where the team averaged 11.1 runs per game. Bergeron, Haghdan, Nasser, Erickson, and Mackenzie Bradford '15 are Andover's first five batters in the order and combined for the majority of Andover's hits during spring training.

Drench said, "We still have things to iron out, but being able to have two practices and play seven unofficial games in Florida with everybody playing at least two entire games gave us a good look at what we have and now we know what still have to work on."

Andover's season will likely delayed because of the heavy sno fall this winter. With its field froz over, the team is currently practici indoors in Case Memorial Cage.

Weather aside, Andover Softb has come out of preseason with m mentum that will carry into its r ular season.

Drench continued, "Once t games start, we'll want to play ha play smart and play well. If we c do that on a consistent basis, w have a good chance of getting po tive results."

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atcher and Co-Captain Mackenzie Bradford '15 threw two runners out as they attempted to steal second base on Saturday.

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	11
North Reading	0
Andover	4
North Reading	4

With two outs and a two-run ficit in the bottom of the seventh ning, *The Phillipian's* Athlete of e Week Colby Beré '18 stepped to the plate and rocketed the ll over the left field fence, driv- in herself and Madi Bradford to bring the score to 4-4. Then, istina Haghdan '17 outran an in- ld hit to get on first base and keep two-out rally alive. Co-Captain ackenzie Bradford '15 stepped up xt and slammed a home run to ht field, Andover Softball's sec- d in three at-bats, bringing the re to 6-4 and giving Andover its rd straight win to start the season. The late-game heroics of Beré, Haghdan and Bradford gave Andover its second win against North Reading High School in its home doubleheader on Saturday.

"My goal was to get on base however I could. I was a little discouraged, because I hadn't been hitting well in the games, but as soon as I made contact, I had a feeling that it was going over the fence," said Beré.

Mackenzie Bradford's game winning home run emerged from confidence and calmness at bat.

She said, "I knew that no matter what happened, the team would have my back and support me. It was a tough position to be in with a tied score and two outs, but after I swung and saw the ball go over the fence, it was the greatest feeling ever."

Mackenzie Bradford's walk-off home run was the peak of an already action-packed day for Andover Softball that included a no-hitter tossed by Haghdan in the first game.

Head Coach Peter Drench said, "It would take a lot to overshadow a no-hit, no-run game, but the pair of two-out, two-run homers in the bottom of the seventh inning in the second game did just that. Walk-off home runs are rare enough; two dingers to tie and then win a game with the team's back to the wall happen only every few hundred games or so. [Haghdan], however, couldn't be completely overlooked. She also had three hits in the first game and her speed allowed her to beat out an infield hit after [Beré's] home run tied the game. That little hit prolonged the final inning and made [Mackenzie Bradford's] 'sayonara' shot possible. It was a great day for [Mackenzie Bradford] and a great day for the entire team."

Andover made many substitutions in the second game, following its 11-0 win in the first, and it struggled to find success at the plate early on. After putting the starters back in the fifth inning, Andover found offensive momentum, and the eventual string of consecutive home runs was just what it needed to claim the victory.

Captain Ravenne Nasser '15 said, "Our strength in the first game was our hitting. We were really selective and picked good pitches. We strayed from that a little bit in the first half of the second game which is why we struggled to put runs on the board."

Andover flourished in the field and at the plate in the first game. Nasser hit two home runs, which boosted team morale and gave Andover an early lead.

Haghdan pitched all seven innings and did not allow any hits. Her strategy was to keep her opponents on their toes – she painted the corners of the strike-zone, causing batters to swing at pitches outside of the zone.

Haghdan said, "The North Reading batters were swinging a reas able amount which worked in benefit, because they were foul off balls or hit bloopers which infield was able respond to e ciently."

Third baseman Victo Bergeron '16 and shortstop Cou ney Erickson '15 commanded infield with several putouts and errors. Bergeron had a good day the plate, going 3 for 4 with a tri double and single.

Antonia Tammaro '17 said, "C defense made the routine pl which kept North Reading off bases."

Andover will carry its confider from these victories into one of important games against Phill Exeter Academy this Saturday.

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Kristina Haghdan '17 Strikes out 16 in Andover's First Win

By Cassie Chin
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On Wednesday, new Lower Kristina Haghdan '17 struck out a whopping 16 batters over seven innings in a complete game shutout, spearheading Andover Softball's 8-0 victory over St. Paul's in Andover's first game of the season.

"It was the home opener, so we just wanted to play as best as we could. I just tried to keep my cool and hope that everyone else was pumped and ready to go for the season," said Haghdan.

Head Coach Peter Drench said, "[Haghdan] picked right up where she left off in Florida [during preseason]. A 16-[strikeout] shutout is a wonderful way to start her Andover softball career."

Andover initially struggled to develop offensive momentum, but Drench urged the team to embrace the challenge that the talented St. Pauls hurler presented

"Facing a formidable pitcher early in the season is exactly what we needed. It wasn't easy, but as the game progressed we found ways to create runs," said Drench.

Centerfielder Antonia Tammaro '17 added, "St. Pauls had a pretty good pitcher, so we had to rely on the short game towards the fourth inning which batted in a couple runs and got us going."

began the series of bunting that led to Andover's success in the middle of the game. Bunting with the bases loaded confused the St. Paul's team, and Andover capitalized on the opportunity to score. The bunts continued to flow after Kaplan's and later in the inning, Victoria Bergeron '16 hit a single up the middle to bring home two more runners.

"We did a lot of short game practice this week that also helped. Our first couple runs came off of bunts when there was a player on third base," added Co-Captain Ravenne Nasser '15.

Despite the comfortable lead, Andover's defense did not let up. Co-Captain and catcher Mackenzie Bradford '15 was steady behind the plate for the entire game.

"Our infield is very strong. We consistently make the routine outs, which is something that we struggled to do last year. When [Haghdan] strikes out 16 batters, that only leaves five outs for the infielders and outfielders, so its extremely important that we make the plays," said Bergeron.

"Once we get into the groove, our batting lineup is incredible. We will continue to develop from here, and I am confident that we will have a great season," said Bradford.

"This game definitely showed us that we have some things to work on, but hopefully we will be able to keep taking advantage of the other teams mistakes," said Nasser.

Kaplan continued, "A shutout 8-0 game is a great start. Hopefully we can carry this momentum and energy throughout the season."

Andover will compete in a double header this Saturday against North Reading High School at home.

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Girls Shine at the Plate in Three Wins

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
BB&N	2
Andover	18
Tabor	0
Andover	10
Exeter	0

Captain Ravenne Nasser '15 fired a drop curve over the outside corner of the plate to strike out her Phillips Exeter Academy opponent and secure the third out in the top of the fifth inning during Andover Softball's game on Wednesday. Andover went on to win the game 10-0 by the mercy rule and upped its record to an undefeated 6-0.

Nasser pitched a no-hitter in the win and was supported by a defense that did not allow an Exeter base runner to advance past second base.

Leadoff batter and third baseman Victoria Bergeron '16 started Andover's offensive splurge in the first inning with a double to right center field. The team continued to build offensive momentum and batted through its entire lineup to earn a 6-0 lead.

The rest of Andover's runs came from hits and walks. Maddie Comer '16 blasted a line drive up the middle to drive in two runs in the bottom of the fifth and bring the score to 9-0. Andover's final run came off a walk.

"We were really patient up at bat and drew a lot of walks because their pitcher was kind of wild, which helped to get runners on base," said Nasser.

Courtney Erickson '15 said, "We had a great pitching performance by [Nasser] and great defense to back her up. Our offense was strong as well. Everyone in the order did their job at the plate."

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Co-Captain Mackenzie Bradford '15 hit a grand slam in Andover's win over Tabor.

Andover had great success this weekend in its doubleheader against BB&N and Tabor as it emerged with two wins.

In its game against BB&N, the scoreboard remained at 0-0 until the bottom of the third inning when first baseman Sidney Holder '17 batted in a run to give Andover a 1-0 lead. BB&N promptly responded in the top of the fourth inning with a run to tie the score at 1-1.

Andover's offense struggled in the start of the game, as its power-hitters were challenged by the strong BB&N outfield.

Antonia Tammaro '17, who had one R.B.I. in the game, said, "BB&N's outfielders played really far back and robbed us of a lot hits."

In the fifth inning, Andover pulled away with hits from Kristina Haghdan '17, Bergeron, Holder, Erickson and Nasser.

Tamarro, Colby Beré '18 and Co-Captain Mackenzie Bradford '15 walked to get on base and push runners home. The final score of the game was 5-2 in Andover's favor. Nasser pitched the game and earned the win.

In its second game on Saturday, Andover beat Tabor 18-0. Haghdan pitched the entire game, allowing zero runs and striking out seven batters.

Andover had an extremely impressive offensive performance from all members of the team. The team scored ten runs in the bottom of the first inning with grand slams from Bradford and Erickson, as well as aggressive baserunning and solid base hits.

By the end of the second inning, Andover held a remarkable 15-0 lead.

Co-Captain Jen Kaplan '15 said, "We were hitting extremely well. We stayed back and drove the ball."

Erickson had a three-run home run in the bottom of the fourth inning, which brought the score to 18-0 and sealed Andover's victory by the run rule.

Kaplan said, "Blow out games like this definitely aren't fun, but I think we did a good job of knowing when to celebrate and when not to."

Andover will use its six game winning streak as momentum when it faces a strong Worcester Academy team on Saturday.

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Girls Uphold Undefeated Record

By Cassie Chin
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Andover	3
Lawrence	2
Andover	10
Deerfield	0

Colby Beré '18 stepped up to the plate and smacked a high fastball over the left-centerfield fence to bring the score to 3-0 in the fourth inning of Andover Softball's game against Lawrence on Friday. Beré's third homerun of the season proved to be the winning run for Andover, which allowed two runs in the fifth inning to bring the final score to 3-2.

Andover's offense was challenged by Lawrence's pitcher and talented third baseman, as the team committed many groundouts.

Captain Ravenne Nasser '15 and Co-Captain Mackenzie Bradford '15 each batted in one run for Andover in the bottom of the first inning, but as a whole, the team struggled to gain offensive momentum throughout the entire game.

Kristina Haghdan '17 pitched a complete game, striking out thirteen batters and only allowing one hit in the fifth inning. Lawrence's two runs were unearned, as they came off of compounded infield errors.

Head Coach Peter Drench said, "We made it more difficult for [Haghdan] by having one bad inning in the field during a game when runs were hard to come by."

Third baseman Victoria Bergeron '16 said, "We were only up by one run as we entered the top of the seventh inning on defense, so our mentality was just to get three outs. It really helped that [Haghdan] struck out the first batter, because after that, we all had the confidence in ourselves that we were going to pull through and get the win. Offensively, it was definitely a slower day for us, but a close game like that is good experience to have as we go into the [Big East] Tournament."

Andover regained its offensive dominance on Saturday and beat Deerfield 10-0.

Rightfielder EJ Kim '15 said, "Saturday was a beautiful day. Everyone was really happy to be there. The energy level was a lot higher to start off with, and we came out strong, scoring four runs in the first inning. That really helped build the momentum. The energy was really good on the bench and on the field – we were just cheering each other on, and the communication was overall a lot better."

Despite playing on a baseball field with a grass infield, instead of a dirt infield, Andover showed power at the plate with a double from Bergeron and triples from Bradford, Haghdan and Sidney Holder '17. Co-Captain Jen Kaplan '15 also hit her first homerun of the season over the leftfield fence.

Nasser pitched six innings, striking out seven and giving up three hits. She found her groove early in the game and was supported by sound defense.

Nasser said, "I had a couple pitches that weren't working, so I was just trying to stick with what was working for me. I threw a lot of drop curves, which forced a lot of groundouts."

"[Nasser] did what she needed to do, and [Kaplan's] home run and the other extra-base hits took care of the rest," said Drench.

Rookie Margaret Bragdon '18 pitched the seventh inning to close out the game for Andover. She threw only four pitches, forcing two popouts to third base and one groundout to second base.

Andover now stands at an undefeated 10-0 record as it enters the final two weeks of its season. The team will co-host the Big East Tournament this weekend with Brooks, as it competes for its fourth championship title in five years.

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COURTESY OF ALEX EMERSON

Colby Bere '18 has been one of Andover's best newcomers this year.

COURTESY OF PHILLIPS ACADEMY

eam welcomes Kristina Haghdan '17 home as she is batted in on a homerun from Courtney Erickson '15.

UNDEFEATED AND UNFAZED:

Softball Outscores Opponents 52-4 to Take Big East Title

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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ter	3

ptain Ravenne Nasser '15 ked the ball over the right field in the second inning of Ando- Softball's Big East Champion- game against Phillips Exeter emy on Sunday. Nasser, the ament's MVP, led the charge ndover went on an offensive to win the game 22-3.

was my Senior tournament something that we've been ling up to. [Head Coach Peter ich] always makes it a pretty eal, so I was definitely trying in veek before to get the mentality elping the team out as much as ld. I ended up being able to do id Nasser.

sser was an offensive and de- ve force against Andover's nent, hitting a homerun each e and holding her batters to a six hits in her 12 innings on the nd. She struck out 18 and drove in 12 runs in four games.

The championship game marked the third meeting of Andover and Exeter this season. In its first game on Sunday, Andover beat Exeter 10-0 by the mercy rule.

After losing to Andover, Exeter competed against Buckingham Browne & Nichols (BB&N) to qualify for the championship game. A walk-off homerun in the bottom of the eighth inning brought Exeter the win, and it carried its offensive momentum into the championship game as it scored first with a homerun in the top of the first inning.

Andover responded with lock down defense to halt Exeter's momentum and responded with hits of its own from the entire lineup. 22 runs later, the team had no doubts of its ability to win the game.

Pitcher Kristina Haghdan '17 said, "I knew that our team was going to respond in our batting. The [Exeter player] that hit the homerun didn't get on base again after that, so the team was able to respond very well. The momentum was definitely supported by the cheering on the bench and the fact that it was our second time seeing that pitcher in the same day."

Andover was the top seed coming into the tournament with an undefeated 10-0 record. In its first game on Saturday, Andover handily beat Tabor 9-0. The team showed consistency on defense and offense.

Co-Captain Mackenzie Bradford '15 said, "Our offense was really strong in the game against Tabor, and that set the tone for the rest of the tournament. We had phenomenal pitching and great defense. We had beaten [Tabor] 18-0 earlier in the regular season, so coming in, we kept our heads down and stayed humble. That really helped us."

Bradford and Nasser each hit home runs to drive up the score. By the third inning, the strong hitting had become contagious throughout Andover's lineup.

Co-Captain Jen Kaplan '15 said, "Once people start hitting, everyone else starts getting energy and starts to feel more comfortable. We don't have that much pressure, so we just start hitting better."

In the second game of the tournament, Andover balanced its nerves with composure to beat BB&N 11-1 by the mercy rule. Haghdan pitched a six inning no-hitter, but an unearned run put Andover down one run for the first two innings.

"I don't think we've ever not scored first. We were all freaking out for two innings. We stayed very focused, but we were all so nervous," said Kaplan.

Second baseman Colby Beré '18 busted open the bottom of the second inning with a line-drive single, and Andover's defense held BB&N to one run.

Shortstop Courtney Erickson '15 and third baseman Victoria Bergeron '16 held together Andover's defense throughout the tournament with consistent putouts from the left side of the infield.

Andover outscored its opponents 52-4 across four games in the tournament to bring home the first place trophy.

This Wednesday, Andover traveled to Brooks School and claimed a 9-2 victory to remain undefeate, with a 15-0 record.

Andover's offense was slow in the start of the game, as it did not score until the second inning when Bergeron hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Antonia Tammaro '17.

Bergeron and Mackenzie Bradford stood out offensively for Andover, with two R.B.I. each. Eight of Andover's nine starting batters tallied at least one hit in the game.

Erickson was unable to play due to an ankle injury that she suffered in the championship game against Exeter, so Tamarro filled in her place at shortstop.

Madi Bradford '17 said, "We thought going into the game that missing [Erickson] would be tough but [Tammaro] stepped up and did a great job. The game started slow, but we ended up finishing strong."

Haghdan had an impressive performance on the mound with 11 strikeouts.

Andover will rally its strength and energy for its sixth game of the week against Concord-Carlisle High School this Thursday. Then, its season will come to a close on Saturday after a double-header at Exeter.

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irls Complete Second Undefeated Season in Team History

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last at-bat of her An-
oftball career, Captain
Nasser '15 smacked the
Phillips Exeter Acade-
nterfield fence to break
the single-season home run record. Nasser's tenth home run of the season helped Andover to an 11-0 victory in the second game of its doubleheader on Saturday.

"I actually didn't know what the record was so I was just going into the game trying to help the team out. I think it really meant a lot to Coach [Drench], and the team was all really excited for me. It was pretty special," said Nasser.

Andover had similar success in the first game of its doubleheader, with an 8-0 win, as well as a 9-0 win over Concord-Carlisle High School earlier on Thursday. With the three wins, the team finished its season with an undefeated record of 18-0. This season marked the second time Andover Softball finished undefeated.

The majority of Andover's runs in the first game were scored late in the game, with a sixth inning explosion of seven runs.

Andover's pitching kept Exeter bats quiet in both games. Nasser took the mound in the first game, and Kristina Haghdan '17 pitched her fourth shutout of the season in the second game. The pitching duo of Haghdan and Nasser struck out 163 batters this season and only allowed 45 hits in 110 innings.

The pitchers were supported by strong defense from Andover's infielders and outfielders, specifically third baseman Victoria Bergeron '16 and shortstop Courtney Erickson '15.

Antonia Tammaro '17 said, "On defense, [Bergeron] made key plays at third base, and [Erickson] made an amazing catch to get Exeter's lead runner out at second base [early in the first game]."

Co-Captain and Catcher Mackenzie Bradford '15 added, "The Exeter double headers were [some] of our slower games offensively, but we played some of the best defense I've seen our team play. In the first game there were a lot of ground balls that we needed to be outs and were handled with ease. Overall, we played two really great games."

In its fourth and fifth times facing Exeter this season, Andover knew what to expect from opposing pitcher Courtney Gibley.

Bergeron stood out with four hits and five R.B.I. across the two games, while Erickson had three R.B.I.

Earlier in the week on Thursday, Andover celebrated its six Seniors in its last home game of the season with a 9-0 win over Concord-Carlisle. Unlike its games against Exeter, Andover found offensive momentum early and scored seven runs in the second inning.

Nasser went three-for-three in the game with two R.B.I. Bergeron also had two R.B.I., while Bradford, Haghdan, Tammaro and Erickson each batted in one run, respectively.

Nasser pitched a complete game, striking out six and allowing four hits.

Against Concord-Carlisle's youthful team, nearly every Andover player entered the game and contributed to the win. With a shutout win and high-intensity offense, Andover's Seniors ended their final game at Peter Drench Park on a high note.

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Softball poses for a picture at home plate after its doubleheader sweep of Exeter.

Ravenne Nasser '15 Breaks Single-Season Home Run Record

By Alexa Tsay
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Captain Ravenne Nasser '15 hit two home runs in Andover Softball's doubleheader against Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday to break the single-season home run record. In her final at-bat of her Andover career, the four-year Senior hit a high fastball over Exeter's centerfield fence. This marked Nasser's tenth home run this season, breaking the previous record of nine. Her first homerun of the day came in Andover's first game against Exeter.

Head Coach Peter Drench said, "It set off a heartfelt celebration. [Nasser's] teammates had been keeping track and knew it was the record-breaker. They met her at home plate with a warm and raucous embrace. This team hit a record number of homers. The long ball became part of their identity, and this was the perfect culmination to their season."

Even Drench himself, who usually focuses on the overall team before individual players, could not suppress his excitement as he anticipated Nasser's achievement.

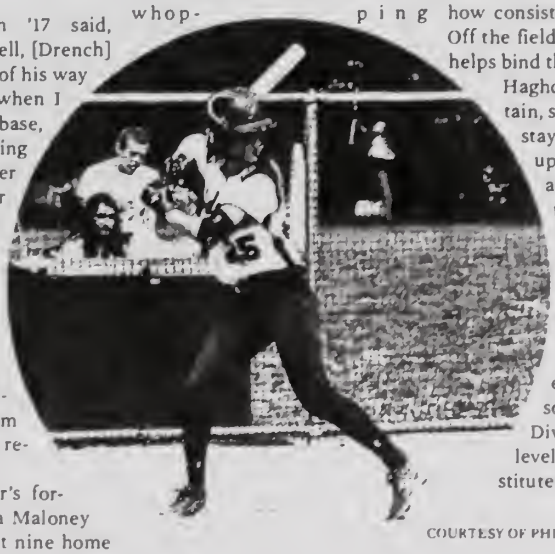
Kristina Haghdan '17 said, "When players do well, [Drench] doesn't really go out of his way to celebrate it, but when I was rounding third base, [Drench] was yelling at the ball to get over [the fence]. I've never seen him be so focused on a home run before. At the end of the game, when he was handing out flowers to the team, he decided to leave [Nasser] last and announced to the team that she broke the record."

As of 2011, Nasser's former teammate Kayla Maloney '13 held the record at nine home runs. Prior to Maloney, Michelle Hollebeke '08 occupied the title with seven home runs in 2007. Nasser, despite having played with Maloney, was unaware of where she stood in regards to the record this year.

Drench said, "[Nasser] had eight [home runs] coming into Saturday's doubleheader, so it was possible but not definite that she would do it. For a player chasing a record, [Nasser] was unusually unselfish; rather than swing at pitches out of the strike zone, she was taking walks, knowing that there were good hitters around her in the lineup and that it was what was best for the team."

Nasser said, "Some people told me about [the record] earlier in the season, but I didn't really know the number. I just knew it was around there, so I didn't go into Exeter trying to break it."

Throughout her four years at Andover, Nasser improved enormously as a hitter. In her Senior season alone, she hit almost an equal number of home runs as she did in base hits in her Junior and Lower years combined, when her respective batting averages were .174 and .219. Last year, she had a whopping 239-point improvement from her Lower year with a batting average of .458. She reached a career high of .471 this season.



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"As a hitter, I look for really good pitches to hit, especially this season. In the past seasons, I've had ups and downs and struggled at different points, but this season I've been fairly consistent and looked for good pitches," said Nasser.

Drench said, "Over a four-year period, [Nasser] has developed wonderfully as a player and as a person. Her understanding of the game is now second to none. She also emerged as a fine team leader, on and off the field. Over a number of years stretching back well before coming to [Andover], [Nasser] has worked very hard to become a successful player, and she deserves all the accolades she is now receiving."

Nasser's teammates attest to the important role she plays on the team as both a skilled player and a reliable leader.

Sarah Carmichael '18 said, "[Nasser] is a great leader for the team on and off the field. On the field, she sets the bar at a high level for the rest of us because of how consistently well she plays. Off the field, her positivity really helps bind the team."

Haghdan said, "As a Captain, she definitely helps us stay focused and keeps up our energy. And as a player, she gets things done. When we really need her to hit she does, so it helps keep the team ready to battle other teams."

Next year, Nasser will continue her softball career at the Division III collegiate level at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Sport: Boys Tennis

Year: 2015

Captain: Michael Huang

Coach: Greg Wilkin

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LETTER WINNERS

Crawford, Nolan
Crowe, Emma
Curtis, Justin
Denholm, Charles
Huang, Michael
Jacobson,Claire
Jow, Jonathan
Kralik, Christopher
Shen, Tyler
Way, William

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NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Canning, Krishna	2016	Wellesley, MA
Crawford, Nolan	2015	New York, NY
Curtis, Justin	2015	Boxford, MA
Huang, Michael	2015	Wildwood, MO
Jow, Jonathan	2016	Irvine, CA
Kralik, Christopher	2016	Shanghai, CHN
Shen, Tyler	2017	Brookville, NY
Way, William	2017	Paget Parish, BMU
Denholm, Charles	2017	Greenwich, CT

Coach: Greg Wilkin
Managers: Emma Crowe, '15, Claire Jacobson, '15

Boys Tennis Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 5-6-0

April 1, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. BB&N	A	Loss	7-8
April 4, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Match vs. Taft	A	Loss	1-6
April 10, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Match vs. Middlesex	H	CKL	
April 17, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Match vs. Nobles	A	CXL	
April 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Match vs. Deerfield	A	Loss	1-6
April 23, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Match vs. Groton	A	Win	4-3
April 29, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Match vs. Exeter	H	Loss	1-6
May 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Roxbury Latin	H	Loss	3-4
May 4, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Match vs. St. Paul's	H	Win	6-1
May 8, 2015 at 4:15 PM	Match vs. Brooks	A	Loss	3-4
May 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. Choate	H	Win	5-2
May 14, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Andover High	H	Win	5-4
May 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. Exeter	A	Win	4-2
May 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM	New England Prep School Invitational Tennis Tournament (NEPSITT)- Doubles Champions	A		

BOYS TENNIS

Tough Loss for Boys Tennis
At BB&N on April 1, 2015 at 3:00 PM
BB&N Defends Home Courts

Boys Varsity Tennis vs. BB&N, April 1, 2015 (lost 8-7) at BB&N, indoors, ISL scoring The Andover Boys' Tennis Team's 2015 campaign began with a close loss to a good young BB&N team, whose depth proved decisive with third singles William Way and fifth Tyler Shen injured. Chris and Mike picked up where they left off last year with good, forceful doubles but Justin and Nolan faced a tough task against the Knights' second doubles, made up of their fine first and third singles players, Rasin and Liou. Adam and Chase, also in their first Varsity A match, played a solid, unified pro-set, winning 8-2 with mature returns, serves and volleys. In singles, Chris faced a determined corner-to-corner ground-stroker in Rasin and needed all his most unflinching ball-striking to prevail in a tight tie-breaker before closing out the second set more comfortably. Michael's hard work at two against the BB&N senior captain earned a split after the loss of what would turn out to be a key tie-breaker. With the match decided, Nolan showed a lot of class and focus, powering through Logan 6-2, 6-2. Doubles 1. Chris Kralik ('16) and Mike Huang ('15) beat Oliver Kendall ('15) and Tristan Young ('17), 8-5. 2. Justin Curtis ('15) and Nolan Crawford ('15) lost to Carter Liou ('17) and Gary Rasin ('17), 8-1. 3. Adam Herman ('17) and Chase Denholm ('18) beat Nathan Logan ('15) and Tomas Navarro ('18), 8-2. Singles 1. Chris Kralik beat Gary Rasin, 7-6 (6), 6-2. 2. Mike Huang split with Kendall, 6-7 (3), 6-1 3. Jonathan Jow ('16) lost to Liou, 6-3, 6-4. 4. Curtis lost to Young, 6-4, 6-1. 5. Viraj Kumar ('17) lost to Mattias Navarro, 6-3, 6-2. 6. Crawford beat Logan, 6-2, 6-2.

Tough Day in Watertown for Boys Tennis
At Taft on April 4, 2015 at 2:45 PM
Rhinos beat Blue, despite Huang's great play

Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Taft School, April 4, 2015 at Taft (lost 6-1) outdoors Two confident predictions came true Saturday, April 4th as Taft hosted the undermanned Andover boys' tennis team: wind gusts between 40 and 50 mph and relentless net-rushing by the Watertownies. In doubles, the result was a pair of quick wins at two and three for the Rhinos before Chris and Mike at one could get more than a narrow lead on Boyle and Pezzullo. As the singles matches took shape, the total of spurned ball-tosses and long-distance shanks mounted, all players gamely plugging on, impressively internalizing their frustrations. First singles was a fine battle between two very well-matched ball-strikers, Boyle getting the edge with great forward movement and all-around excellent play. The only Andover player who really maintained his level and really seemed to be having fun was Mike Huang, largely abandoning the two-hander that was showing problems in the wind in doubles and choosing to devote himself to three different kinds of forehands and slices of all kinds, which worked beautifully, despite Pezzullo's net-rushes, especially when combined with a barrage of perfect lobs. But kudos to Taft for this almost comprehensive beat-down, which straightaway created a new goal for the season: a re-match in the tournament. We shall study deserving. Doubles 1. Chris Kralik ('16) and Mike Huang ('15) leading Cortland Boyle ('16) and Aaron Pezzullo ('17), 5-4 2. Jonathan Jow ('16) and Tyler Shen ('17) lost to Mike Mulroy ('15) and Jacques Pellet ('17), 8-1. 3. Viraj Kumar ('17) and Chase Denholm ('18) lost to Conner and George Johnston ('15), 8-2. Singles 1. Chris Kralik lost to Cortland Boyle, 6-3, 6-2. 2. Mike Huang beat Aaron Pezzullo, 6-3, 6-1. 3. Mike Mulroy beat Jonathan Jow, 6-3, 6-2. 4. Jacques Pellet beat Tyler Shen, 6-0, 6-1. 5. Ogden Timpson ('18) beat Viraj Kumar, 6-3, 6-0. 6. George Johnston beat Chase Denholm, 6-3, 6-2.

Boys Start Well But Fall to Green
At Deerfield on April 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM
Advantage gained with strong doubles play lost in singles at Deerfield

We knew our match at Deerfield would be difficult without captain and number-two player Mike Huang. Practice days leading up to Saturday (including the surprise extra practice day given to us on a beautiful afternoon by Noble and Greenough, who had some kind of difficulty with their courts for Friday's scheduled away match) helped us get new doubles teams sorted, like Chris and Will at one and Jon and Chase at two, who beat Watson/Grant and Ho/Danforth respectively, 8-6, and 8-3. Chase had a great day, also beating Munoz in a fine extra match at seven, 8-2. Singles matches were generally well-contested, long battles that took us to the brink of darkness and made the coaches change the plan from best-of-three ending in full sets to match tie-breakers in the event of a split. An unnecessary precaution. The Deerfield players ground out straight-set victories on every court. Doubles 1. Chris Kralik/Will Way (A) beat Jackson Watson/Carl Grant, 8-6. 2. Jon Jow/Chase Denholm (A) beat Darren Ho/Scott Danforth, 8-3. 3. Santi Duhalde/Luc Therrien (D) beat Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford, 9-7. Singles 1. Jackson Watson (D) beat Chris Kralik (A), 6-3, 6-4. 2. Luc Therrien (D) beat William Way (A), 6-2, 6-4. 3. Carl Grant (D) beat Jon Jow (A), 6-2, 7-5. 4. Scott Danforth (D) beat Justin Curtis (A), 6-4, 6-4. 5. Darren Ho (D) beat Tyler Shen (A), 6-3, 6-3. 6. Santiago Duhalde (D) beat Nolan Crawford (A), 7-5, 6-4. (7. Chase Denholm (A) beat Lorenzo Munoz (D), 8-2.)

Undermanned Boys Tennis Comes Through Against Groton
At Groton on April 23, 2015 at 4:30 PM
Kralik, Huang, Curtis and Denholm Win Under Pressure

Phillips Academy Boys Tennis vs. Groton, Thurs. April 23, 2015 at Groton, outdoors Andover 4, Groton 3 Third singles and second doubles player William Way becoming unwell during doubles warmups, it became necessary to default second doubles and move our third doubles team into that slot, in effect defaulting at three. Although we were leading on court one, the doubles point went to Groton when Justin and Chase lost to Girian and White. Without Jon Jow (shoulder) at four and William Way defaulted at three in singles, we needed to move Tyler up into third, Justin up into fourth, and Chase up into fifth, opposing Girian, White and Davidoff respectively and needing to win four out of five. Faced with these challenges, the Blue brought their A-games this day, Chris hitting fine approach shots against Beatty and finishing them off very often with powerful overheads, and Justin and Chase showing grit and steadiness under pressure at four and five. Mike was very tough in a fine battle with You to clinch the team match at second singles, hitting a gutsy bounced heavily spun overhead from near the baseline on his last match point just clipping the corner, which he absolutely had to do to get the ball away from his always hustling Groton namesake. Doubles 1. Chris Kralik/Mike Huang vs. Macgregor Beatty/Mike You discontinued. 2. Justin Curtis/Chase Denholm lost to Sam Girian/Peter White, 8-4. Singles 1. Chris Kralik beat MacGregor Beatty, 6-3, 6-3. 2. Mike Huang beat Mike You, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 15-13. 3. Tyler Shen lost to Sam Girian, 7-6 (5), 7-5. 4. Justin Curtis beat Peter White, 7-6 (5), 6-4. 5. Chase Denholm beat Nico Davidoff, 6-1, 0-6, (6).

Boys Tennis Loses First Encounter with Exeter
At home on April 29, 2015 at 2:30 PM
Singles heroics fall short this time, Curtis the only victor.
Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Exeter April 29, 2015 at home We knew from our tough matches with Exeter last year that we would face a strong team today, and we certainly did. Moises Escobar and Brian Niguidula played Chris and Mike even in first doubles and held them off long enough for Cam Gruss and Rex Tercek to beat Will and Jonathan at second doubles and for young Ryan Nguy and Logan Gruss to edge our skillful seniors at three, 8-6. Brian got off to a great start against Chris in singles and never let up, playing a largely flawless game. Our captain Michael Huang fought really hard against Moises, eventually losing in a lengthy match-tiebreaker. Tyler also fought his way to a split and came up on the short end in the super-tiebreaker. Only Justin kept complete control, with a terrific win over Lo Gruss. Doubles

1. Kralik/Huang incomplete vs. Moises Escobar/Brian Niguidula, 6-7. 2. Way/Jow lost to Rex Tercek/Cam Gruss, 3-8 3. Curtis/Denholm lost to Ryan Nguy/LognGruss, 6-8 Singles 1. Kralik lost to Niguidula, 6-1, 6-1. 2. Michael Huang lost to Escobar, 6-3, 2-6, 10-8. 3. William Way lost to Rex Tercek, 6-2, 6-2. 4. Jonathan Jow lost to Cam Gruss, 6-2, 6-2. 5. Tyler Shen lost to Joon Kim, 7-5, 6-7, 10-4. 6. Justin Curtis beat Logan Gruss, 6-3, 6-2. Coaches: Greg Wilkin, Nef Francis, Grant Elliott Exeter: Fred Brussel Managers: Emma Crowe, Claire Jacobson

Upset Bid Falls Just Short Against Roxbury Latin
At home on May 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM
Wins from Kralik, Huang, Curtis and Crawford in doubles; Jow and Curtis in Singles.

Phillips Academy Boys Tennis lost to Roxbury Latin, May 1, 2015 at home, 4-3 Despite a dramatic disparity in season record thus far between our Andover team and the excellent undefeated squad coached by the brilliant Ousmane Diop (PA '90) (I never tire of adding that....), the Blue felt confident that our team matched up interestingly with the Foxes. When Chris and Mike beat the RL first doubles team, 8-4, that confidence seemed even more well-placed, and our experienced pair of Justin and Nolan, who have probably played more doubles matches together for Andover than anybody since the fabled Benedetto/Garmey tandem of '85-9, played a brilliant match against Choudhry and Scemama, winning 8-4 as well. In singles, William had a hard time dealing with young Foulkes at three, but Chris was neck-and-neck with Joey Haig on the number one court. Mike shook off his first set against O'Connor and was coming on strong, and we continued to like out chances with Jonathan, Tyler and Justin at 4, 5 and 6. Jonathan had a strong opponent in Choudhry at four and decided to hoist a relentless barrage of high lobs. These never missed, and Choudhry rarely did with his overheads, but, actually, enough, and Jonathan had a 6-3, 6-1 victory. By then Tyler had let Siva Imani escape at five in a good battle and with Justin's straight set masterpiece over Scemama, RL needed to win both remaining matches to keep their undefeated season alive. Mike fought hard to get into a match tie-breaker but fell just short in the second, leaving it all up to Joey and Chris. Andover took the second set tie-breaker, 7-5, and so the whole match came down to a beautiful ten-point tiebreaker that Joey ground out for the win. Doubles 1. Chris Kralik/Michael Huang beat Christian O'Connor/Harris Foulkes, 8-4 2. William Way/Chase Denholm lost to Joey Haig/Siva Imani, 4-8 3. Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford beat Hamza Choudhry/Marc Scemama, 8-4 Singles 1. Chris Kralik lost to Joey Haig, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 4-10. 2. Michael Huang lost to Christian O'Connor, 0-6, 5-7. 3. William Way lost to Harris foulkes, 3-6, 0-6. 4. Jonathan Jow beat Hamza Choudhry, 6-3, 6-1. 5. Tyler Shen lost to Siva Imani, 4-6, 4-6. 6. Justin Curtis beat Marc Scemam, 6-1, 6-3. Coaches: Greg Wilkin, Nef Francis Manager: Emma Crowe

Boys Tennis Over St. Paul's
At home on May 4, 2015 at 4:30 PM
Good focus and effort all down the ladder made for a needed victory on a beautiful Monday!

Phillips Academy Boys Tennis beat St. Paul's, May 4, 2015 at home, 6-1 The weather Monday for our St. Paul's match at home brought us back to our days in La Jolla over spring break and it seemed to inspire especially good play from the boys in blue. Chris and Mike had a lot of fun at number one, even though George Congdon hit some pretty scary shots and played with beautiful anticipation at net. Jonathan and Chase worked out a few kinks by mid-set and went on to a good win, Justin and Nolan having reported in early with their artisanal baking at three, produced an exquisite "everything" bagel. St. Paul's has resourceful players, though, some of whom have good squash experience, too, and singles was quite interesting, especially at number one, a match that saw Chris Kralik fight back with strong serving and passing shots against George Congdon, whose net attacks, based on big lefty forehands and serves, can smolder for a while and then flare up. Some impressively protracted points in the match-tiebreaker went George's way after he established a quick early lead; it was a stirring match that ended just before darkness fell. Good focus and shot selection all down the ladder, including Malcolm's exhibition singles, brought wins for everyone else; the resulting

confidence may come in handy at the end of the week against a brilliantly resurgent Brooks team. Doubles 1. Chris Kralik/Michael Huang beat George Congdon/Gaden James, 8-4. 2. Jonathan Jow/Chase Denholm beat Jackson Rubinoff/Sam Yonce, 8-4. 3. Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford beat Brian Tao/Max Baron, 8-0 Singles 1. Chris Kralik lost to George Congdon, 6-3, 2-6, 10-6.. 2. Michael Huang beat Brian Tao, 6-0, 6-3. 3. Jonathan Jow beat Gaden James, 6-2, 6-0. 4. Tyler Shen beat Jackson Rubinoff, 7-5, 7-5. 5. Justin Curtis beat Sam Yonce, 6-3, 6-2. 6. Chase Denholm beat Jackson Dalman, 6-0, 6-1. [7. Malcolm Essaid beat Spencer Rowley, 8-3]. Coaches: Greg Wilkin, Nef Francis, Grant Elliott Managers: Emma Crowe, Claire Jacobson St. Paul's: David Taylor

See-Saw Doubles Tiebreaker Spells Defeat Against Brooks
At Brooks on May 8, 2015 at 4:15 PM
Good Wins by Kralik, Jow and Denholm Not Enough

Phillips Academy Boys Tennis vs. Brooks, May 8, 2015 at Brooks. After many years it was great to play Brooks again at the varsity level, especially this year matching up against a splendidly resurgent program under former New England prep standout Alex Skinner. We had heard about their strength from Roxbury Latin coach Ousmane Diop, whose team had beaten Brooks by the same score they beat us by, and sure enough Brooks was very tough. We played the NEITA tournament format, albeit without a hot start, and that gave Chris and Mike a chance to sufficiently probe and test the hard-hitting baseliners Forbes and Wolf and discover a workable path to victory, which they didn't hesitate to take, 8-2. Some big passes at two from rising star Kevin Barry and the solid Rathbone gave them the edge over Jon and Chase, setting up high drama at three for Justin and Nolan. Leading 6-3, they stove off a charge from the excellent net-rushing tandem Crary/Barry/Ruchi/Pip/Pari/Pembo (User Alert: AutoCorrect Settings), fighting their way back to a tiebreaker, where both teams outdid themselves with their creativity and athleticism. Their match ended with some crowd-pleasingly long, variegated points, the net-tape finally siding with the home duo. The final two points of this tie-breaker ended up being decisive for the team match, singles going three-three. Chris faced a fast-moving, hard-hitting baseliner in Forbes and worked his way to victory with hard serves, insistent forehands and increased net play. Jonathan, having moved up to three to replace Will Way, who was not in the lineup, devised a characteristically high-percentage approach to handling Phillip Wolf, replicating his steel-willed performance against Choudhry of RL a week before, even more impressively considering his physical exhaustion and the onset of an illness. Chase's impeccable second set against Crary brought him a fine win at six as well. Doubles: 1. Chris Kralik/Michael Huang beat Andre Forbes/Phillip Wolf, 8-2 2. Jonathan Jow/Chase Denholm lost to Kevin Barry/Dylan Rathbone, 8-4 3. Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford lost to Will Barry/Gardner, 9-8 (5) Singles: 1. Chris Kralik beat Andre Forbes, 2-6, 6-2, 10-7. 2. Michael Huang lost to Kevin Barry, 2-6, 3-6. 3. Jonathan Jow beat Phillip Wolf, 6-3, 0-6, 10-8. 4. TylerShen lost to Will Barry, 1-6, 4-6. 5. Justin Curtis lost to Dylan Rathbone, 1-6, 4-6. 6. Chase Denholm beat Gardner Crary, 7-5, 6-2. Coaches: Greg Wilkin, Andover and Alex Skinner, Brooks; Managers: Emma Crowe, Claire Jacobson.

Big Win for Boys Tennis Against Choate
At home on May 9, 2015 at 3:00 PM
Playing Without Friday's Hero, Jon Jow, Andover Was Excellent From Start to Finish

Phillips Academy Boys Tennis vs. Choate, May 9, 2015 at home. A beautiful day for tennis at Andover, with lots of time for full matches playing out best-of-threes against our visitors from Choate. It turned out we didn't need to, because by the time the only split set occurred, Tyler Shen's battle with Chris Overmeer, the team match had been decided in our favor and a super-tiebreaker was played. To start things, Chris and Mike suffered their first doubles loss of the season, 8-6 against Rosenbluth/Ballesteros but Will Way and Chase Denholm did a great job

against Ji and Bellemare, with consistent-high-percentage crosscourt returns and good put-away volleys, squaring the doubles phase of the contest and setting up yet another Gotterdammerung at three. Before a Grandparents' Day throng, Justin and Nolan avoided a looming tie-breaker with imperturbably patient play, rifling passes from time to time with their elegantly rhythmic two-handers and delighting the crowd with a 9-7 tide-turner. From there it was hard for the Boars to get a foothold except for Overmeer at four against Tyler, working hard to step up for the recuperating J. Jow, and Bellemare, whom Justin adjudged the best six-singles he had faced. Chris, Mike, Will and Tyler were on their games in straight sets, giving us a big win against a strong team. Doubles: 1. Chris Kralik/Michael Huang lost to Brandon Rosenbluth/Andres Ballesteros of Choate, 8-6. 2. William Way/Chase Denholm beat Scott Ji/Charles Bellemare of Choate, 8-4. 3. Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford beat Chris Overmeer/Shane Phillipps of Choate, 9-7. Singles: 1. Chris Kralik beat Brandon Rosenbluth, 6-3, 6-2. 2. Michael Huang beat Andres Ballesteros, 6-3, 6-1. 3. William Way beat Scott Ji, 6-4, 6-2. 4. Tyler Shen beat Chris Overmeer, 7-5, 6-1. 5. Chase Denholm lost to Shane Phillipps, 6-3. 0-6, 10-4. 6. Justin Curtis lost to Charles Bellemare, 6-2, 6-3. Coaches: Greg Wilkin, Nef Francis, Trey Meyer Managers: Emma Crowe, Claire Jacobson Choate: Ned Gallagher, Jeff Beaton

Great Play in Yearly Scrimmage
At home on May 14, 2015 at 3:30 PM
Phillips Boys Tennis Narrowly Beat Excellent AHS Team

Andover Boys Tennis vs. AHS, May 14, 2015 (W, 5-4) This year's Andover High Tennis Team is one of their strongest ever and it was a pleasure to host them for some good singles and doubles on a beautiful Thursday afternoon, even if we didn't have the services of William Way at number three. At the last minute Chris Kralik filled in for him at first doubles with Jon, just to give the AHS first doubles team a workout, even if it went as a forfeit to AHS. Second doubles went to the PA team of Denholm/Shen, 9-7 after Justin and Nolan played an uncharacteristically lacklustre set, losing 8-6 to Rooks and Meech. We played best-of-three at one and two singles, 8-game pro-sets the rest of the way. Andrew Imrie played brilliantly against our usually resourceful captain at second singles, taking it in two remorselessly fast straight sets; Jon had a tough, hard-working foe in Drew Rooks but wore him down with some finely conceived arrhythmic counter-punching. Tyler, Justin and Chase played some of their best tennis of the year. Chris and Ryan had a great battle at number one singles, renewing a close rivalry. Chris Kralik vs. Ryan Fu, L 7-6 (5), 6-3. Michael Huang vs. Andrew Imrie, L 6-2, 6-1. William Way absent from illness. Jonathan Jow vs. Drew Rooks, W 8-5. Tyler Shen vs. Arman Rafiee, W 8-2. Justin Curtis vs. Owen Plourde, W 8-3. Chase Denholm vs. Dillon Clancy, W 8-2. Doubles: Chris Kralik/Jonathan Jow vs. Kellen McDonogh/Dillon Clancy, W 8-2 (but forfeited to AHS because William Way could not play as scheduled, replaced by Chris Kralik) Chase Denholm/Tyler Shen vs. Armann Rafiee/Owen Plourde, W 9-7. Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford vs. Drew Rooks/Owen Meech, L 8-6.

Boys Varsity Tennis Beats Exeter
At Exeter on May 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM
4-2 Victory Over NEITA Champions

Andover Boys Tennis vs. Exeter, away, May 20, 2015. (W, 4-2). We know how this goes: the last couple of years we were in Exeter's shoes, having won the NEITA Class A Championship but facing a traditional rival primed for a season-spoiling upset. While we managed to hold off Exeter the last two years, they couldn't this day against us: once we won the doubles point, thanks to some well-focused percentage play by our ones and twos, we jumped out to leads in first and sixth singles, putting pressure on the Red. Even with a 3-0 lead (Justin brought it home against Joon and Will came through at three), we couldn't rest easy: this was a team that had

come basically from the dead against Kingswood-Oxford in the NEITA semis, down 3-0 and a game away from elimination, then similarly down against Taft in the final before sweeping to victory. So our boys did not relax their grip, Chris especially against the worthy, hard-working Niguidula. Chris put into practice the weeks of work he had put in since their last meeting, having focused on movement and defense; on this windy day, with gusts nearing 20 mph, it was crucial. His volleys were confident and effective after he worked his way to net and his shot selection overall was brilliant, including a new array of chips and dinks that complemented the consistency of his groundies. Will was rock-solid against the dangerous Tercek, having played a great doubles set with Chase; Justin, vying with Jon Jow as this season's Choke-Whisperer, had to step up with his bigger arsenal against Joon Kim, who has had a great season at six. It all worked out nice for us and made us feel better about missing the tournament, victims of the .500 NEPSAC rule. This was one of the best years for parity in boys tennis among the big prep schools. Doubles: 1. Chris Kralik/Mike Huang vs. Moyses Escobar and Brian Niguidula, W 8-6. 2. William Way/Chase Denholm vs. Cameron Gruss/Rex Tercek, W 8-4. 3. Justin Curtis/Nolan Crawford vs. Ryan Nguy/Logan Gruss, L 8-5. Singles: 1. Chris Kralik vs. Brian Niguidula, W 6-4, 6-1. 2. Mike Huang vs. Moyses Escobar, unfinished, 3-6, 4-3. 3. William Way vs. Rex Tercek, W 0-6, 6-4, (11-9). 4. Jonathan Jow vs. Ryan Nguy, L 6-2, 6-2. 5. Tyler Shen vs. Cameron Gruss, L 0-6, 6-0, 6-1. 6. Justin Curtis vs. Joon Kim, W 6-3, 6-4. [7. Chase Denholm vs. Logan Gruss, W 8-4

Jon Jow and William Way Win NEPSITT Title
On May 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM
Another title for Andover's three and four.

Seeded first, Jon and Will beat Bertman and DiNapoli from Moses Brown 8-6 in the quarters, Bellemare and Raskopf of Choate 6-1, 6-1 in the semis, and Binder/Buckham of Moses Brown in the final, 6-3, 6-2. Playing some of their best tennis of the year, they used high-percentage returns and strong, confident crossing volleys to fight off challenges.

Reigning Champions Battle Loss of Seniors

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After clinching first place in the Class A New England Championships last season, Boys Varsity Tennis is hungry to repeat its dominance this year; however, it may be hard for the team to defend its title after losing several crucial seniors.

Andover finished its 2014 season with an impressive record of 10-2, cruising through the regular season and defeating Hotchkiss in the Championship to be crowned New England Champions for the second year in a row.

This year, Andover will have to deal with the loss of three key seniors in their lineup: former Co-Captains Henry Kalb '14 and James Heaney '14, as well as Daniel Wang '14. Heaney was undefeated at the number one seed on the team, while Kalb was also undefeated at number four. Michael Huang '15 and Christopher Kralik '16 will replace them as the new Co-Captains and look to hopefully replicate their success.

Returner Will Way '17 is confident that Andover can adapt to the loss of its seniors.

"To make up for their absence, we're going to have to put in a lot of hard work before the season begins and make sure we get a good start and secure some early wins to get some confidence and momentum that will carry on into the remainder of the season," said Way.

Although the roster isn't set in stone yet, Andover expects to have five returning members to the team: Huang, Kralik, Jonathan Jow '16 and Tyler Shen '17. The returners will form the core of the roster, while several promising prospects will fill up the remaining three spots. Andover is relying on these new members to step up and round out the roster to give the team additional depth.

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Co-Captain Christopher Kralik '15 will play in a top spot this year.

During preseason, Andover trained in La Jolla, California, working on conditioning and getting back into the swing of things. The team also played a few friendlies with local teams, such as La Jolla High School and La Jolla Country Day School.

Shen said, "It was a great way to start the season: it was light training and wasn't too harsh or strenuous. The team really got to bond and the new candidates got to see how we work."

On the other hand, Shen noted that the team didn't meet some of its expectations during preseason.

"We didn't do as well as we thought we could, and we didn't do as well as we know we could. One of our biggest problems during preseason was conditioning. Our lack of fitness really brought us down in our matches, so we need to stay focused on it. However, if we really solidify our physical stamina, we should be all set for this season and be able to defend our title," he said.

Way said, "We're going to have to make sure we have a lot of depth and that our whole lineup is playing well so that we can rely on one another to bring home the win."

Huang continued, "Our number one priority is making sure the rest of the team can step up into their new higher spots on the team as the Seniors are now gone. We've been a deep team the last two years, which is the main reason why we've won New England's."

Andover will kick off its 2015 season next Wednesday, traveling to BB&N in hopes of starting its season with a win.

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oys tennis beat New England Champions Exeter to close out the season with a 5-6 record.

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Brimming with confidence nd intensity, Andover Boys ennis finished its season on a igh note after overwhelming ts northern rival Phillips Exter Academy 4-2 on Wednesday. The win capped off a hree-game winning streak and olidified Andover's record for he 2015 season at 5-6.

Andover, who had hoisted he 2014 New England Interscholastic Tennis Association (NEITA) trophy the previous year, had more than just its rivalry with Exeter at stake. Exeter had clinched the 2015 NEITA Championship title the weekend before the match, and Andover was out for revenge.

After being crippled by injuries and an incomplete roster for the entire season, Andover was finally able to muster up a complete lineup for its final match. The team was excited to be able to play without any missing members.

"Having a full lineup definitely helped. This was a great chance for us to prove ourselves, because we didn't get to do that at the New England's tournament this season. None of us have been performing at our best this season, but today we really pulled through and showed that on the court," said first seed Christopher Kralik '16.

Tyler Shen '17 added, "We went in knowing we had a pretty good chance. Up until this point, we've never had our full lineup healthy and in action, so we were extremely confident. Also, since they won New England's, we were even more motivated to win."

Andover harnessed this energy and passion and roared off to a strong start after clinching the doubles point. William Way '17 and Charles Denholm '18 finished their second doubles match swiftly with an 8-4 victory, but Exeter shot back with an 8-5 win in the third doubles match.

Kralik and Captain Michael Huang '15 broke the stalemate by clinching the first doubles match 8-6 to give Andover the 1-0 lead.

Kralik said, "I think the first doubles point was huge. Winning the doubles really got everyone motivated and pumped up for the singles matches. During the singles, everyone was really focused and just extremely determined to win."

Andover then proceeded to win three of six singles matches, dropping only the fourth and fifth seeds while leaving the second seed match unfinished. Kralik clinched the first seed singles match 6-4, 6-1, adapting well to the robust wind and showing impressive mobility around the court.

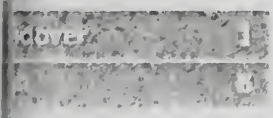
Huang played his second seed matches to 3-6, 4-3 before being unable to finish them. Way clinched a clutch win in his tiebreaker at the third seed, winning 11-9 after splitting the first two sets 0-6, 6-4. Jonathan Jow '16 dropped his match 6-2, 6 at the third seed, while Sh fell 0-6, 6-0, 7-1 in his tiebrea er. Justin Curtis '15 wrapped the day with a 6-3, 6-4 win the sixth seed.

Even though Andover h a rocky start to its season, t team found its footing near t end of the year. Andover's l success culminated in the i pressive Exeter victory, a s isfying victory after a seas filled with ups and downs.

Kralik said, "What I saw day was that everyone was j having fun. Everyone was laxed and having fun, and th were a lot of laughs. It wa great way to end the season."

Andover Off to A Rocky Start

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER



Vracked by injuries and bat-:d by harsh weather condi-ıs, Andover Boys Tennis suf-:d a disappointing 6-1 loss inst Taft on Saturday. The tch dropped the defending w England Champion's re-d to 0-2.

ndover's lineup heading into match was incomplete and ky after losing third seed Will y '17 to injury, so several new-ners stepped in to fill the bot-ı ladder spots. Viraj Kumar took the fifth seed, and Chase nholm '18 took the sixth seed.

Along with fielding a relatively inexperienced team, Andover also suffered in the adverse weather conditions.

Sixth seed Tyler Shen '17 said, "This was our first time playing outdoors this season. It was freezing and the wind was strong, and we weren't able to adapt quickly enough to the weather. However, that's not an excuse for the loss. We were caught unprepared and that's unacceptable. We need to make sure that this never happens again."

Taft snagged two quick wins in the two and three doubles matches, 8-1 and 8-2, respectively, before first seed Chris Kralik '16 and second seed and Captain Michael Huang '15 could finish their match, giving Taft the early 1-0 lead. With these decisive victories, Taft gained momentum that Andover could not overcome.

Shen said, "We lost a lot of steam after dropping the doubles matches. That negative attitude carried over into singles, and the end results really reflected that. I know that we could've won this match, but all the little things prevented us from performing well. We all could've beaten our opponents, but I think we all had a rough day."

The singles were a rough streak for Andover: first seed Kralik lost his match 6-3, 6-2 while third seed Jonathan Jow '16, who took Way's spot, lost his match to the same score. The rather lopsided scoreboards remained constant down the rest of the ladder, with the exception of Huang.

The Captain decimated his opponent in the number two match 6-3 and 6-1, providing a bright spot in an otherwise disappointing day for Andover. Huang employed a mix of slices and lobs to great effect, thoroughly dismantling the opposition.

Looking forward, the team is eager to internalize what it took away from the match.

Kralik wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I think we learned that we should play as a team rather than as individuals, which might have made a difference for us in the end. I think we should all try our best in every single match rather than rely on the wins of others. If everyone thinks this way then I'm confident that we can defend our ti tle."

Shen shared this optimism saying, "In terms of skill anc technical ability, we're solid a this point. However, we need tc get our winning mentality anc attitude back to win matches We have to be more aggressive and confident."

To sum up the seemingly dis appointing match, Huang said "[We gained] valuable matcl experience and a good sense o team spirit. We didn't get toc down after the loss, and we'r looking to improve over the sea son."

Andover will play its hom opener against Middlesex oı Friday, hoping to secure its firs win of the season.

Boys Falter on the Court

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Firing off aggressive shots and carefully monitoring the wind, Jonathon Jow '16 and Chase Denholm '18 soundly beat their Deerfield doubles opponents 8-3 on Saturday to secure the doubles point for Andover, a victory which would end up being Andover's only point of the match. Andover fell to Deerfield 6-1, dropping its record to 0-3.

Andover was missing its Captain and second seed Michael Huang '15 for the match.

Nolan Crawford '15 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We faced difficulties with conditions, an incomplete roster and lack of match play, as our last two matches had been canceled prior to this one. But, most of all, we didn't truly capitalize on the strong momentum we gained by winning the doubles point to start."

Deerfield rallied to sweep Andover in all of the singles matches. Christopher Kralik '16 lost the first seed match 7-6, 6-4. Will Way '17 fell 6-2, 6-4 at second, and Jow lost 6-2, 7-5 at third.

Justin Curtis '15, fourth seed, lost 6-4, 6-4. Tyler Shen '17 fell 6-3, 6-3 at fifth seed and Crawford lost 7-5, 6-4 at sixth. Denholm played an exhibition match at seventh seed and secured for Andover its only singles victory of the day 8-2.

Shen said, "Just like the rest of the season [so far], we didn't play the best we could've. I can't shift the blame for the loss onto missing [Huang]. His absence was definitely part of it, but we could've played much better as well."

"We won forcefully in doubles, and we got off to a strong start. We were hoping that momentum would carry over into singles, but, once again, we didn't perform very well in singles. A lot of us lost our first sets and tried to make comebacks, which didn't go very well. There were a few highlights; I mean we saved some clutch points here and there, but the scoreboard obviously reflects what went down," he continued.

Although the defending champions have now fallen into a 0-3 slump, the team is confident that it can bounce back.

Crawford said, "I think most of all it's ensuring we have our full team healthy and ready. From there it's about dealing with unpleasant or tough conditions as they come and keeping a high level of intensity throughout the match. In an individual sport like tennis, the team has to make a collective effort to keep the energy level rising."

Jow said, "The biggest problem right now is that we haven't played with a full roster yet. In every single game this season, we've been missing someone on our ranking. This same thing happened last year: we started off slow but once we got going, we cruised. In terms of improving on a game-to-game basis, we have to work on our singles matches. We practiced doubles heavily last week, which showed in the game, but we just fell apart in singles.

Shen said, "We just have to find our groove again. Most of us just aren't playing well right now and there's no excuse for that. If we want to defend our title, we need to find our form soon."

Andover will play its next match on May 1, welcoming Roxbury Latin to campus with the goal of clinching its first win of the season.

Andover Takes Gutsy Win Over Groton

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	4
Groton	3
Andover	1
Exeter	8

Andover Boys Tennis fought a fierce uphill battle against Groton last Thursday, starting in a 0-1 hole after forfeiting a match. Despite the challenge, Andover persevered and triumphed 4-3 to claim its first win of the season and lift its record to 1-3.

Andover could not capitalize on this upward momentum, however, as it fell to Phillips Exeter Academy 6-1 on Wednesday.

Third seed William Way '17 fell ill before the Groton match, forcing Andover to default the sixth singles match and the third doubles match. These forfeits gave Groton a 1-0 lead in doubles and a 1-0 lead overall.

Groton swiftly exploited its advantage in doubles, winning the second doubles match 8-2 against Tyler Shen '17 and Charles Denholm '18 to collect the doubles point and extend its lead to 2-0.

Heading into singles, Andover knew that it couldn't afford to get careless. The team gathered its resolve and won four of its singles matches, only falling at third singles.

Second seed Captain Michael Huang '15 exemplified Andover's quiet fortitude, winning his set 17-15 in a tiebreaker after an exhausting stretch of games. The team emerged triumphant 4-3 after his singles victories.

Denholm, who played fifth seed against Groton, said, "There was a lot more team support and spirit this game. [Christopher Kralik '16] and I both finished our matches early and rushed over to support and cheer on [Huang] in his tiebreaker. The team spirit we had that day was incredible, and I think tl really set that game apart from (previous ones. That's how we ca away with the win."

Denholm continued, "To honest, forfeiting two matches a being down from the beginni helped us in the end. Knowing tl we were playing an uphill bat gave us motivation, and we all kne we couldn't afford to lose any sing match."

Huang wrote in an email to *T Phillipian*, "I think this match we the way it did because we real grinded the match out. No one (the team let mistakes get to the and everyone played consistent so we eventually came out on top hope our team keeps this mental throughout the rest of the season."

Andover's momentum prove to be short lived, however, as tl team's energy quickly fizzled out i a 6-1 loss to Exeter.

The team conceded the doubl point after quick losses in the se ond and third doubles matche preventing the first doubles matc from being finished. Second dou bles Jonathan Jow '16 and Way lo 8-3, while Justin Curtis '15 and Der holm lost at third doubles 8-6.

Andover dropped the ball in th singles sets, as Curtis was the onl one who managed to pull in a wi at sixth seed by a 6-3, 6-2 margir After first seed Kralik lost 6-2, 6- the losses began to pile up dow the line. Shen came close to clinch ing another point for Andover afte splitting sets with his opponent, bu ultimately lost his tie-breaker se 10-4.

Shen said, "We can improv on our mental toughness and ou ability to win close points. Man of our matches had key moment that were tight and ultimately lec to a streak of lost games. I'd say we need to work on that. Beyond that the team just didn't play very well and we produced a disappointing result."

Andover will face off against Roxbury Latin on Friday, seeking to turn its season around.

Andover Avenges Brooks Loss With 5-2 Victory Over Loomis

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Chris Kralik '16 prepares to return a shot against Brooks.

By Andrew Zhang
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	3
Brooks	4
Andover	5
Choate	2

With a stroke of his racket, Justin Curtis '15 lobbed a shot into the air, baiting his Choate opponent into returning the ball into the net on Saturday. Curtis and his partner Nolan Crawford '15 would go on to win 9-7 in their third doubles match in front of a raucous crowd ver eventually beat Choate 5-2, a satisfying result after falling 4-3 to Brooks the day before.

Motivated by the tough loss against Brooks, the team sprang out to an early lead against Choate by clinching the doubles points. Will Way '17 and Charles Denholm '18 grabbed a relatively easy 8-4 win in the second doubles match, while Curtis and Crawford grinded out their match, patiently wearing away at their opponents with precise returns.

"[We] definitely had a ton of focus and motivation to get a good win under our belts after having a tough loss on Friday. We had gutsy play across the board. [The high-partner hit [that] beautiful lob, forcing our opponents into a smash error. After that play, I knew we could win," said Crawford.

Andover carried this momentum into singles play, sweeping the top four singles matches, even though it was missing Jonathan Jow '16. Chris Kralik '16 won first seed singles 6-3, 6-2. Captain Michael Huang '15 won 6-3, 6-1 as second seed, Way triumphed as third seed 6-4, 6-2 and Tyler Shen '17 beat his opponent 7-5, 6-1 as fourth seed.

Shen said, "Heading into Choate, we knew that we had to win the doubles point. The third doubles did really well to fight through their match and win the point for us. We all did really well in singles, and we knew we had to play hard to make up for Jow's absence. Looking back, I'd say that winning the doubles point was absolutely crucial since it gave us an edge heading into singles."

Andover's play on Saturday was motivated by its 4-3 loss suffered at Brooks the day before. The Brooks match was also defined by the third doubles match, in which Andover failed to pull through with the win. Jow played for Andover against Brooks, but the team was missing Way.

Kralik and Huang nabbed a commanding 8-2 victory in the first doubles match, while Brooks managed to counter with an 8-4 victory in second doubles. The weight fell upon the shoulders of Curtis and Crawford once again, who dueled out their match 9-8 before losing 7-5 in the tiebreaker.

Shen said, "It was rough, because we came so close to winning but just couldn't finish. We played decently, but we got unlucky in some places. We almost won the doubles win, but our third doubles lost in their tiebreaker set. It wasn't their fault – that game was incredibly close and could have swung either way. In terms of singles at least, we played really well and clinched solid wins across the board."

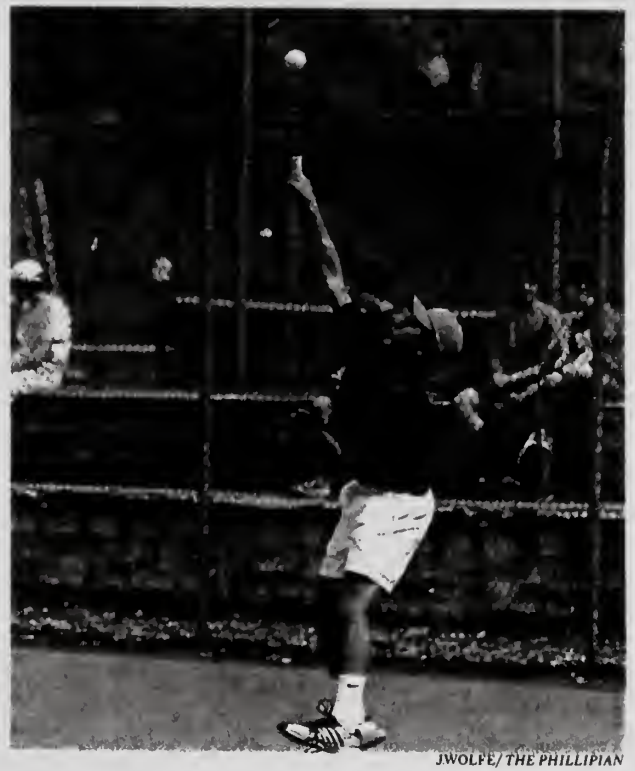
The two teams split the singles matches, with Andover claiming victories in the first, third and sixth matches. Kralik won his tiebreaker 10-7 at first singles after splitting the first two sets 2-6 and 6-2 with his opponent.

Jow employed a different strategy to win his third match, focusing on his returns and letting his opponent make the mistakes. He won 6-3, 0-6 and 10-8. Denholm won the six match with blistering serves, claiming the 7-5, 6-2 victory.

Huang said, "We only needed the doubles win to push it over. That tiebreaker game was rough. Nonetheless, the wins that we got were all solid wins – our guys fought well. I wouldn't say it was a bad loss but more of an unlucky one."

The team is unsure if it will make playoffs this year due to its 3-6 record after being hampered by an incomplete roster for the entire season.

Nonetheless, it looks forward to a scrimmage against Andover High School on Thursday before facing off against Phillips Exeter Academy next Wednesday.



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Sport: Girls Tennis

Year: 2015

Captain: Camille Price

Coach: Debbie chase

SEASON RECORD

WON	LOST	TIED
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LETTER WINNERS

Danovitch, Larissa
Haegg, Isabella
Lee, Lauren
Mayhew, Madeleine
Park, Sewon
Posorske, Reagan
Price, Camille
Welch, Charlotte

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY A
2015

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Danovitch, Larissa	2016	New York, NY
Haegg, Isabella	2016	Weston, MA
Lee, Lauren	2018	Hong Kong
Mayhew, Madeleine	2015	New York, NY
Park, Sewon	2017	Hong Kong
Posorske, Reagan	2017	Cave Creek, AZ
Price, Camille	2015	New York, NY
Welch, Charlotte	2018	Winchester, MA
Zhumashova, Dariya	2017	Almaty, KAZ

Coach: Debbie Chase
Managers: Tyler Levine, '16, Collin Nugent, '16, Andy Manos, '16

Girls Tennis Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 12-1-0

April 10, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Match vs. Groton	A	Win	5-4
April 15, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Match vs. St. Paul's	H	Win	9-0
April 17, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Match vs. Nobles	H	Win	9-0
April 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Match vs. Choate	A	Win	9-0
April 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Match vs. Deerfield	A	Win	8-1
April 25, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Match vs. Exeter	A	Win	9-0
April 27, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Match vs. BB&N	A	Win	15-0
April 29, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Match vs. Middlesex	A	Win	15-0
May 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Match vs. Andover High	H	Win	9-0
May 6, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Match vs. Milton	A	Loss	4-11
May 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM	Kent Tournament	A	Win	
May 13, 2015 at 3:15 PM	Match vs. Thayer	A	Win	15-0
May 16, 2015 at 9:00 AM	Nepsac Team Championship	A	2nd Place	
May 20, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Match vs. Exeter	H	Win	9-0

Girls Tennis

Girls Varsity Tennis Opens with a Close Victory Over Groton
At Groton on April 10, 2015 at 4:30 PM

Wins at the top of the singles and doubles ladders secured the tight 5-4 win against Groton.
Reagan Posorske '17 continued her undefeated streak at #1 singles and followed this victory with a convincing 8-2 win at 1st doubles with her partner Dariya Zhumashova '17. Zhumashova is recovering from an injury and only played doubles in the match. Co-Captain Isabella Haegg '16 also earned success at 2nd singles and 2nd doubles with her partner Maddie Mayhew '15. Rounding out the match, Sewon Park pulled out a comeback win in the tiebreaker at 4th singles. All in all, a solid start to the season.

April 18, 2015: Third Sweep in a Row for Girls Varsity Tennis
Match vs. Choate

After opening with strong doubles performances, we entered the singles matches up 3-0 and won all 6 for a 9-0 finish against a solid Choate team.

Andover Girls Tennis Wins Kent Tournament
On May 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM

In only their second year participating in the tournament, the Andover team won two of the three flights of matches as well as the overall team tournament.
Co-captain and senior Camille Price played flawlessly, not dropping a single game to win the second singles flight, while fellow co-captain, Isabella Haegg, and Sewon Park beat a strong Hotchkiss team in the finals to capture the doubles flight. Haegg also won the doubles last year with Campbell Howe '14. In the first singles flight, Reagan Posorske finished runner up to Melissa Lord, a top ten nationally ranked player poised to play at Stanford next year.

Girls Quest to Avenge 2nd Place Championship Finish

By Alexa Tsay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

After a nearly flawless record of 12-1 last year, Andover Girls Tennis hopes to top its previous success by avenging its only loss in this season's closing NEPSAC Championships.

"Last year, we came in second in New England's after losing to Milton, so this year we are really hoping to win and bring the title home," said returner Sewon Park '17.

Co-Captain Camille Price '15 added, "Milton has several new players on their roster as well, but we are hoping for the best and are willing to put in the work to come out with the win."

Andover was successful last year because of its quality of players across the entire ladder, as all team members contributed equally to wins and losses.

Price said, "We gained some very valuable players last year who really helped us take our game to a higher level in practices and in matches. They made our ladder a lot deeper and will do so this year again."

Andover's previous Co-Captains Campbell Howe '14 and Katherine Tobeason '14 graduated from the team, but talented returners and skilled newcomers such as Dariya Zhumashova '17 are expected to fill the voids. Co-Captain Isabella Haegg '16, Larissa Danovitch '16, Madeleine Mayhew '15, Park, Reagan Posorske '17 and Price are Andover's six returners.

"We lost two strong Seniors, but our returners are excellent and have worked hard on their games," said Head Coach Deborah Chase. "We expect some new talent as well. Unfortunately, [Zhumashova] won't start the season because of an injury, but hopefully she'll be healthy enough to play soon because she'll make a big impact on the team."

Posorske added, "This year, there are so many girls trying out and so many amazing players who show great potential for the team."

Over break, Haegg, Price and Posorske sought out the heat of Miami to warm up their tennis games and get back into the groove before matches.

Price said, "We spent five days training down there, playing a few hours of tennis and having workout sessions during the day. In the winter, the courts are covered in snow, and not everyone is on top of their game!; however, unlike last year, when we were all a bit rusty, the three of us are going into the season pretty tuned up and ready for the season."

"Being able to withstand the Miami heat and humidity really took our games to the next level. Playing outdoors is a whole different game than indoor tennis. While we may not be seeing those temperatures any time soon in snowy Andover, we were really whipped into shape," Haegg said.

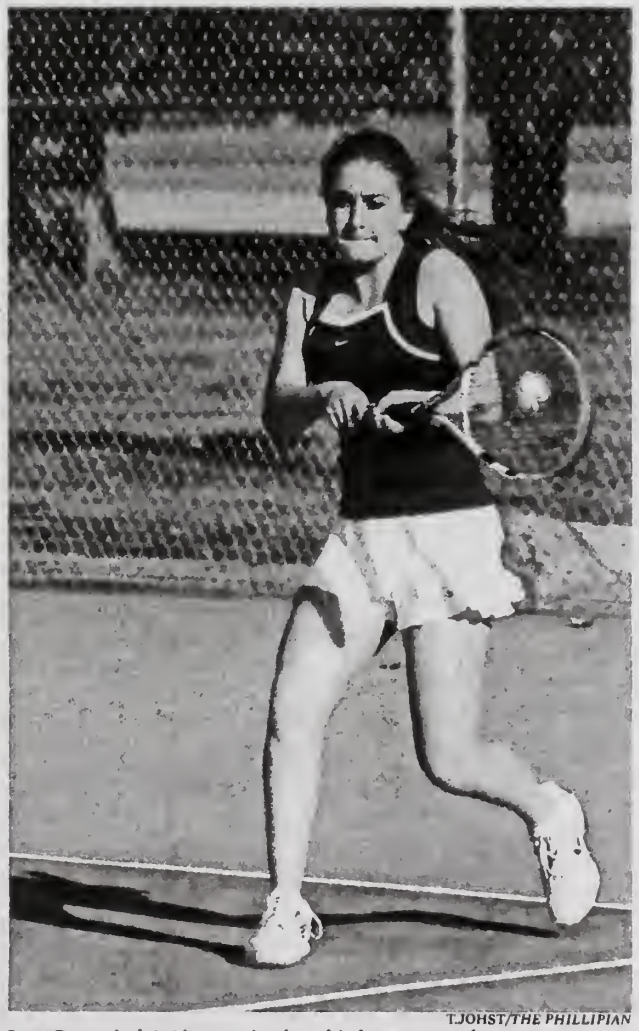
This year, Andover will focus more on fitness during practice in order to gain the upper hand against top competitors.

"The difference between us and some of the other top teams that we will be competing with will be fitness. We are aiming to do a lot of cardio and organize different workouts in order to elevate our games," said Price.

"With more focus on fitness this year as well as more training and hitting with different partners, we are hoping that we will find even more success this season," she continued.

"Our goal is to grow together as a team and put forth our best efforts to win throughout the season and in New England's," added Head Coach Deborah Chase.

Andover will face off at home against Groton on April 10 for its first match of the season.



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Lara Danovitch '16 is entering her third year on Andover's team.

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dover avenged last year's second place finish by winning the de Villafranca Invitational Tennis Tournament, beating out defending champions Kingswood Oxford.

By Alexa Tsay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Co-Captain Camille Price '15 ept her second seed singles flight thout losing a game during her e matches at the de Villafranca vitational Tennis Tournament at nt on Saturday.

Andover Girls Tennis also had top ishes in two other flights to take me the overall Championship. agan Posorske '17 claimed runner in her first seed singles division, d Co-Captain Isabella Haegg '16 d Sewon Park '17 combined their forts to snag the title in the doubles urnament.

Price said, "I was really deter- ined to boost my performance at is particular tournament."

After shutting out her Westminster, Hotchkiss and Taft opponents in the round robin round, Price proceeded to seize decisive 6-0, 6-0 victories against Phillips Exeter Academy and Kingswood Oxford in the semifinals and finals, respectively. Price quickly established her dominance in her finals match, closing out the first set within 15 minutes.

Haegg and Park grinded out wins against Loomis Chaffee, Taft and Exeter in the round robin before going on to snag 11 straight games in their semifinal match against Kingswood Oxford. They then earned impressive 6-0, 6-4 sets in their finals match against Hotchkiss.

Park said, "[Haegg] and I haven't been playing doubles together for that long, and even though we haven't lost throughout the season – besides Milton – we have never been satisfied at the end. But in the semi finals, everything finally clicked."

Park said, "In the finals, we were both energetic and confident from the last match."

After clinching victories against Hotchkiss, Taft and Exeter in the round robin, Posorske faced particularly challenging opponents in her last two matches of the tournament. In the semifinals, Posorske found herself facing the same Kingswood Oxford opponent to whom she had lost last year, and her opponent in the finals was a top ten nationally ranked senior and Stanford tennis recruit. By avenging her previous loss and winning a few games in her finals match, Posorske proved her capability and high level of skill. The loss did not count toward her overall Andover record, for the de Villafranca Invitational does not count as Andover's regular season.

"I went in with the attitude that I had nothing to lose," said Posorske. "After that win in the semifinals, I didn't even expect to take a game against my opponent in the finals, but a lot of the games went to deuce, and I was able to break her serve. It was such an incredible opportunity to play someone at such a high level."

Andover's tournament success carried into its match against Thayer on Wednesday, when it secured its eighth sweep of the season to bring its record to 10-1.

First seed Posorske sealed a 6-1, 6-2 victory against a top-ranked United States Tennis Association (USTA) player in New England. Price earned a 6-3, 6-0 win at second seed. Park, Andover's fourth seed, did not play because her opponent was late to the match. At the bottom of the ladder, in the absence of fifth seed Lara Danovitch '16, Lauren Lee '18 stepped up to fifth, and doubles player Charlotte Welch '18 took the sixth seed singles match. Both trumped their opponents with decisive scores of 6-1, 6-2.

Haegg said, "I'm super proud of [Lee] for stepping up on the ladder and dominating her match and of [Welch] for adpating quickly to p singles and win decisively."

Andover glided smoothly to th decisive wins in doubles. First se Posorske and Price finished 8-1, s ond seeds Haegg and Park execu an 8-3 victory and third seeds Ma line Mayhew '15 and Welch do nated 8-0.

"[Park] had very deep and str ground strokes that set me up some nice volley opportunities," s Haegg. "She also did a good job deflecting hard shots that were at her."

On Saturday, Andover looks avenge its previous losses to Mil in the long-awaited New Engl Prep School Association Confere (NEPSAC) Team Championship

Editor's Note: Isabella H gg '16 is a Sports Editor for T Phillipian.

Girls Ace St. Paul's in 9-0 Sweep

By Alexa Tsay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	5
Groton	4
Andover	9
St. Paul's	0

Reagan Posorske '17 and Co-Cap-in Camille Price '15 handled St. aul's with ease in the first doubles ed with a score of 8-0, contribut-g to Andover's 9-0 clean sweep er St. Paul's on Wednesday.

"Last year, [Price] and I played roughout the entire season, so e have a lot of chemistry, which lped during the match. Also, we ok advantage of the wind by be-g aggressive on the volleys," said sorske.

Andover's decisive victory in its me opener brought its record to). Posorske continued her unde-ted singles streak with scores of), 6-2.

'Although I didn't play as well as oped to, I played consistently and cuted the shorter shots when I s able to," said Posorske.

Second through fourth seed sin-s players only dropped a total of games across their matches. Sec-l seed Price defeated her oppo-it 6-1, 6-0, third seed Co-Captain ella Haegg '16 swept her match 6-2, and fourth seed Sewon Park won 6-2, 6-0.

ifth seed Lara Danovitch '16 pre-ed in a nailbiter of a match, split-the tiebreaker 7-4. Sixth seed Lauren Lee '18 beat her opponent 6-2, 6-2.

Haegg said, "We were really proud of how we played in our home opener. While the temperature was great and it was very sunny out, there was a lot of wind, which posed a physical and mental challenge. It would send the ball flying out or into the bottom of the net, so the fact we were able to overcome that and still play consistently is a great sign of our focus and intensity. The sweep shows that we rose to our potential and didn't play 'down' as we sometimes do when we get nervous."

In doubles, second seeds Park and Haegg triumphed 8-3, and third seeds Madeleine Mayhew '15 and Charlotte Welch '18 won 8-1.

Park said, "[Haegg] and I didn't play as well as we could have, but just like in my singles match, I just tried to stay patient. The other team was much weaker, and it was our second match, so we were better prepared and also had the home court advantage. The wind was tough, but we moved our feet and stuck with it."

In its match against Groton on Friday, Andover pulled out a tight 5-4 victory, handicapped by the absence of Price.

Posorske, who played as the first seed in her singles match, crushed her opponent 6-0, 6-0 in a quick and decisive match.

Haegg stepped up to second seed to fill in for Price, winning 6-2 and 6-3, one of three singles wins.

Third seed Danovitch fell in a close 6-4, 6-4 match, fifth seed Lee lost 6-3, 7-5.

With Andover down 2-3 on the scoreboard, the pressure was on Park to tie the match. She stepped up, winning the longest singles match of the day 5-7, 6-1, 7-4.

After a pep talk from Head Coach Deborah Chase, the girls went into doubles with newfound confidence and determination.

Dariya Zhumashova '17, who was unable to participate in the match against St. Paul's due to an ankle injury, paired up with Posorske to win their doubles match 8-2.

Though it was Zhumashova's first match of the season, Posorske and Zhumashova quickly learned to work well with each other.

Zhumashova said, "I didn't even have a practice match, so I felt a little rusty, but in the end it was fine. I think [Posorske] and I played well together. We communicated well, and we were pretty consistent throughout the whole match. There were a few games where we started making a lot of mistakes, but it was pretty consistent otherwise."

Haegg and Mayhew won their doubles match 8-2 to seal the victory for Andover. Lee and Danovitch fell 2-8.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Chase wrote, "Though I would've liked the score to have been better, I was pleased with the win; in a lot of ways it was a great thing for us to be challenged in this way right out of the gate. The girls stepped up when they needed to, especially in doubles."

Andover looks to extend its undefeated season in its match against

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Andover Keeps Undefeated Streak Alive

By Alexa Tsay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	9
Nobles	0
Andover	9
Choate	0
Andover	8
Deerfield	1

Andover Girls Tennis aced its way to 9-0 sweeps of Nobles & Greenough (Nobles) on Friday and Choate on Saturday. An additional 8-1 win against Deerfield on Wednesday brought Andover's record to an unblemished 5-0.

"We went into the Nobles match knowing it would be a hard fought one, because last year we had a very close match," said Co-Captain Camille Price '15, who dominated her singles match 6-2, 6-0. "Everyone came out really strong from their first point. We had had a really long warm-up, and we went out there with the mentality of being aggressive, really playing our own game and making them play to our level."

First seed singles player Reagan Posorske '17 rolled to a 6-0, 6-2 victory against her opponent. Price and Co-Captain Isabella Haegg '16, at second and third seeds, respectively, extended their undefeated streaks with impressive matches of 6-2, 6-0 and 6-2, 6-1. Fourth seed Sewon Park '17 won 6-0, 6-1; fifth seed Lara Danovitch '16 triumphed 6-3, 6-4; and sixth seed Lauren Lee '18 defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-1.

In doubles, second seeds Haegg and Park and third seeds Madeline Mayhew '15 and Charlotte Welch '18 won 8-0. First seeds Posorske and Price emerged victorious with a score of 8-1.

Haegg said, "Our doubles teams performed extremely well against Nobles thanks to all the doubles practice we've been getting with Todd, an additional coach that comes in every Tuesday and Thursday. Our volleys are decisive and well placed, and we are taking more risks at net that are paying off."

Andover's victory against Choate was a more challenging one due to the strength of Choate's top players.

Haegg, who grinded out an 8-5 second seed doubles win with Park, said, "We opened with doubles against Choate instead of singles, and we were more challenged by their doubles than we have been with any other teams we have faced. [Park] and I went back and forth in our doubles match until we pulled ahead in the last few games; our opponents had a stronger net game than we were used to facing."

Price and Posorske won their first seed doubles match 8-3, and third seeds Welch and Mayhew cruised to a 8-0.

In her singles match, Posorske found herself in a tightly contested match for the first time this season.

Second seed Price won her singles match 6-3, 6-4; third seed Haegg triumphed 6-2, 6-2; fourth seed Park won 6-2, 6-1; fifth seed Danovitch beat her opponent 6-3, 6-2; and sixth seed Welch, filling in for Lee, won 6-3, 6-4.

In its match on Wednesday, Andover battled not only Deerfield but also the elements; fierce winds and strong rains challenged the girls to stay focused and determined.

Posorske, who won her first seed singles match 8-0, said, "During the middle of our game, it started to rain, and harsh winds picked up. Despite this, all of us played smart tennis and kept the ball deep and consistent, being aggressive when necessary."

Third seed Haegg staved off three match points and triumphed in an 8-7 match that led to an intense 7-4 tiebreaker, as did fifth seed Lee, who fought for an 8-7 (7-3) win.

Posorske said, "The team did extremely well with coming back during matches. Both Haegg and Lee came back to win their matches in tie-breakers from being behind for most of the match."

Second seed Price won 8-2, and fourth seed Park won 8-4. Andover's only loss of the day was Welch's hard-fought 8-6 match at the sixth seed.

In doubles, first seeds Price and Posorske dominated 8-0; second seeds Haegg and Park worked for an 8-6 win; and third seeds Welch and Mayhew came out ahead with a score of 8-5.

Park said, "Doubles was close because we weren't warm in the beginning and were missing easy shots. [Haegg] and I were down 2-5 but then started working together. We both got consistent and moved our feet to pull it off at the end."

With five important wins under its belt, Andover looks to defeat Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday.

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Girls Continue to Sweep Competition

By Alexa Tsay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	8
Exeter	0
Andover	15
BB&N	0
Andover	15
Middlesex	0

Andover Girls Tennis was unrelenting in its domination of Phillips Exeter Academy, BB&N and Middlesex, all of whom it swept, totalling an impressive six sweeps out of eight matches this season. Andover's record stands at 8-0.

Andover loaded up the bus on Saturday to take on Exeter, opening the match with doubles to grab a quick 3-0 lead. First seeds Reagan Posorske '17 and Co-Captain Camille Price '15 pounded out an 8-2 win. Second seeds Co-Captain Isabella Haegg '16 and Sewon Park '17 demolished their opponents 8-3, and third seeds Madeline Mayhew '15 and Charlotte Welch '18 won decisively 8-1.

"Going into the match, one of the things [Posorske] and I particularly wanted to work on was poaching in our doubles. We are always looking to come into net more because we work a lot of doubles with our [volunteer] Coach, Todd, and Head Coach [Deborah] Chase. We wanted to really put those strategies into action and see how our work had paid off in terms of the doubles drills we had been doing all week," said Price.

In singles, no Andover player gave up more than four games in two sets, with first seed Posorske leading with a flawless 6-0, 6-0 match.

Posorke said, "I was stepping into my shots a lot, which allowed the ball to go a lot deeper with a lot more pace, so then it would create an uncomfortable shot for my opponent. Then I was able to go to the net and execute volleys pretty handily."

Price was consistent and focused in her 6-1, 6-1 victory over her second seed opponent.

Price said, "I knew that my opponent would be weaker than some of the girls I have played in the last couple of weeks. Sometimes one of the difficult things in tennis is that you can start playing a different kind of game depending on the opponent you are facing. What was really important to me in that match was sticking to my game plan and my strategies and the power I put on the ball in order to close out those two sets."

Third seed Haegg beat her opponent 6-0, 6-3; fourth seed Park won 6-1, 6-3, fifth seed Lara Danovitch '16 defeated her opponent 6-1, 6-2 and Lauren Lee '18 executed 6-2, 6-1.

Lee said, "When we arrived at Exeter, the conditions were somewhat windy and cold, so I knew it was most important for me not to make the first mistake in each point. Yet as my match reached the second set, I began to go for more winners down the line, which helped shorten the point."

Against BB&N on Monday, Andover continued its dominance to emerge with an impressive 15-0 win.

Chase said, "The girls played great and did well to overcome the mental and physical challenge of playing a match late on a Monday. BB&N is always a tough one for us, so to win as convincingly as we did meant a lot."

Posorske won with steady sets of 6-1, 6-0, Price fought for her 6-3, 6-3 victory, Haegg controlled her opponent 6-2, 6-0; Park triumphed 6-2, 6-3, Danovitch commanded 6-2, 6-2 and Lee stole a 6-1, 6-3 victory.

"I think the team was more decisive in our win than in some past matches," said Park. "Most of us didn't play down, and a lot of people really executed their shots. When they got opportunities to hit the ball hard, they went for it. [Posorske] and [Price] especially did that well in their matches."

Due to a time constraint, all doubles matches started at 2-2. Both Posorske and Price and Haegg and Park won their respective matches 8-5. Mayhew and Welch fought long and hard for an eventual 9-7 win.

Park said, "In doubles, I was warm because I had played a long singles match right before, and my groundstrokes were good. [Haegg] and I were working better, and we were more aggressive. Although there were a couple shots we missed, overall we played well."

On Wednesday, Andover pummeled Middlesex 15-0. It achieved an incredible feat of dropping just one game out of all six singles sets, with Posorske, Price, Haegg, Park and Lee all beating their opponents 6-0, 6-0. Danovitch won 6-0, 6-1.

Haegg said, "You can have it in you to win 6-0, 6-0, but to actually execute it is very hard. The fact that all of us, up and down the ladder, could keep our focus to close out the matches so decisively attests to how we've all grown mentally. I think that a lot of players would not have been able to do that last year, including myself."

In doubles, Posorske and Price grabbed a quick 8-1 win, Haegg and Park persevered for their 8-3 victory and Welch and Mayhew dominated 8-0.

"In terms of doubles, Park and I had a slow start and lost those three games that we shouldn't have. Going forward, we need to focus on not getting complacent, not making unforced errors and just quickly putting the ball away without letting small slip-ups turn into a streak. Thankfully, we regained our composure to pull away from 4-3 to close out the match," said Haegg.

Next Wednesday, Andover will battle its rival and reigining NEPSAC Champion Milton, who is not only undefeated but has also had an equal number of clean sweeps as Andover this season.

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Girls Claim Runner-Up at NEPSAC Championship

By Alexa Tsay
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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In a high-intensity match, Madeleine Mayhew '15 handled the pressure with ease, smacking a precisely-placed volley deep into the court to put Milton's third seed doubles players back on their heels. Mayhew and her partner Charlotte Welch '18 went on to claim the only 8-3 win for Andover Girls Tennis in the finals of the New England Prep School Association Conference (NEPSAC) Team Championships on Sunday, where Andover placed second overall with a 5-1 loss to Milton.

"Overall, we played really well at the NEPSACs," said Lauren Lee '18. "It was inspiring to see everyone leave everything out on the court. Our team fought hard against other schools, and of course we'll rise to the challenge again next year."

Leading up to the finals, Andover nabbed impressive 5-1 defeats over Choate and Groton in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively.

Reagan Posorske '17 said, "We did extremely well executing points and playing smart. A lot of the teams we faced did not have the consistency that our team has, so they were not able to stay in the points for very long without getting impatient."

At first seed doubles, Posorske and Co-Captain Camille Price '15 came much closer to a win than they did two weeks ago when they fell 8-1 to Milton. Unable to hold their 6-3 lead, their grueling 8-6 loss was followed by a 8-3 loss at second seed doubles by Co-Captain Isabella Haegg '16 and Sewon Park '17.

Advancing to singles with one point under its belt, Andover suffered the consequences of the unique format of the NEPSAC Championships, where the first team to win five matches takes home the trophy. In the matches that applied to the score, second seed Price fell 7-5, 6-2, third seed Haegg lost 6-1, 6-1 and fifth seed Danovitch suffered sets of 6-3, 6-0.

Despite the three losses, first seed Posorske and fourth seed Park both eked out tight 7-6 victories in their first sets and were ahead by a large margin in their second sets, but they were unable to finish their matches because Milton took five points first.

Haegg said, "Although the score doesn't reflect that, we came much closer to edging out Milton than when we last played them. I'm very proud of [Price] for holding her opponent to such a close score and for that amazing doubles win. It gave us a great confidence boost going into singles."

Against Phillips Exeter Academy on Wednesday, Andover solidified its nearly-flawless record of 11-1 with its ninth 9-0 sweep of the season in its last match of the year.

The previous time the two teams competed, Exeter was missing its second seed singles player. Her return on Wednesday shifted Exeter's lineup and challenged Andover's second through sixth seed singles players to face tougher opponents.

Haegg said, "Everyone really adapted well to the higher difficulty level."

In singles, first seed Posorske dropped only a single game with winning sets of 6-0, 6-1, second seed Price finished her match 6-2, 6-1, third seed Haegg dominated her match with sets of 6-0, 6-0 and fourth seed Park triumphed 6-0, 6-2.

"Being able to close out my match 6-0, 6-0 shows how much I have improved throughout the season," said Haegg.

Crippled by the absence of fifth seed Danovitch, sixth seed Lee stepped up to fifth seed, and doubles player Mayhew filled the sixth seed singles spot. Lee won in an intense three setter with scores of 6-3, 6-7, (7-4), and Mayhew managed a hard-fought 7-6, 6-3 win.

Andover dominated all of its doubles matches, dropping only two games out of its three sets. First seeds Posorske and Price and second seeds Haegg and Park beat their respective opponents 8-1, and third seeds Welch and Mayhew won with a flawless score of 8-0.

Park said, "[Haegg] and I won more assertively than we did when we played [our Exeter opponents] at [the de VillaFranca Tournament]. Having beaten them before, we were very confident, whereas they were discouraged by that."

A strong end to an incredible season, the sweep against Exeter stands as a testimony to Andover's growth throughout the year.

Haegg said, "This was a great way to end our season on such a high note with yet another sweep, and I am really excited about what next year will bring."

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Andover racked up its ninth sweep against Exeter on Wednesday.

Sport: Boys Track & Field

Year: 2015

Captain: Nicholas DiAdamo

Coach: Corbin Lang

Assistant Coach: Becky Hession

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Alfaro, Basil
Bakken, Peder
Brown, Ethan
Burgo, Lavon
Cruz,Christian
Curtis, Henry
DiAdamo, Nicholas
Dixon, Rahmel
Doran, Arthur
Freeland, Devontae
Godo-Solo, dakoury
Gorton, John
Hartemink, Edward
Kakkar, Keton
Lee, Maxwell
Mackall, Gray
McGovern, Paul
Menon, Aja
Onabanjo, David
Osborn, Matthew
Pena, Joel Anthony
Rex, John
Ross, William
Shapiro, Samuel
Skinner, Ralph
Venigalla, Abhinav
Wang, Andrew
Ward, Noah
Yau, Derek

Phillips Academy
Boys Track and Field
Roster 2015

NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Alfaro, Basil	2018	Charleston, SC	McGovern, Paul	2015	Methuen, MA
Bakken, Peder	2016	Seattle, WA	McLaughlin, John	2015	Alcoa, TN
Belser, Noah	2016	State College, PA	McMurtrie, James	2018	Palo Alto, CA
Bishop, Sebastian	2017	Andover, MA	Menon, Ajay	2017	Andover, MA
Brown, Ethan	2017	Bethel, CT	Misterman, Brendon	2015	Depew, NY
Burgo, Lavon	2016	Brockton, MA	Moon, Ryan	2018	New Hyde Park, NY
Chandran, Anjunae	2018	Geneva, IL	Nassetti, Pada	2017	Bangkok, THA
Chavez, Diego	2016	College Point, NY	Ohakam, Noble	2018	Bronx, NY
Ciccia, Alessandro	2018	Andover, MA	Onabanjo, David	2018	Bronx, NY
Cleveland, Alexander	2018	Arlington, VA	Ortiz, Andrew	2018	Fresh Meadows, NY
Codrington, Michael	2018	Brooklyn, NY	Osborn, Matthew	2015	Mid-Levels, HKG
Craigwell, Tyler	2018	Queens, NY	Oyebode, Moyosore	2018	Lagos, NGA
Cruz, Christian	2016	Dorchester, MA	Paleologos, Arthur	2017	Lynnfield, MA
Curtis, Henry	2015	New York, NY	Parker, Alexander	2018	Andover, MA
DiAdamo, Nicholas	2015	North Andover, MA	Parvanov, Kaloyan	2016	Montana,BGR
Dixon, Rahmel	2017	Brooklyn, NY	Patel, Ishaan	2018	Los Gatos, CA
Donka, Abdurahman	2018	Skokie, IL	Peffer, Jacob	2017	Andover, MA
Doran, Arthur	2015	Natick, MA	Pena, Joel Anthony	2016	Princeton, NJ
Feigenbaum, Thomas	2015	Andover, MA	Quamme, John	2016	Washington, DC
Ford, Jumaane	2016	Brooklyn, NY	Rex, John	2017	Andover, MA
Forti, Nicholas	2015	Daleville, AL	Ringer, Holden	2017	Dallas, TX
Freeland, Devontae	2015	Piscataway, NJ	Ross, William	2017	Atlanta, GA
Fukumori, Rikuto	2016	Tokyo, JPN	Salitre, Andy	2018	Santa Ana, CA
Garcia, Wilbert	2017	Lawrence, MA	Shapiro, Samuel	2016	North Andover, MA
Godo-Solo, Dakoury	2017	Andover, MA	Sherr, Bennett	2017	Princeton Junction, NJ
Gorton, John	2015	New York, NY	Skinner, Ralph	2016	Lowell, MA
Grottkau, Matthew	2017	Reading, MA	Skrivanos, Nikolas	2017	North Andover, MA
Harris, Miles	2016	Astoria, NY	Stronov, Glib	2016	Kharkiv, UKR
Hartemink, Edward	2017	Katy, TX	Turner, Herbert	2018	Phoenixville, PA
Isenhower, John	2016	Burke, VA	Venigalla, Abhinav	2015	Lakeland, FL
Jordan, Joshua	2016	St. Albans, NY	Vitale, Tevis	2016	Bozeman, MT
Kakkar, Keton	2015	Port Washington, NY	Wang, Andrew	2016	Missouri City, TX
Kelleher, Benjamin	2016	North Reading, MA	Wang, Andrew	2018	Boston, MA
Kochakian, Nicholas	2015	North Andover, MA	Ward, Noah	2017	North Hampton, NH
Kornegay, Jair	2015	Buckeye, AZ	Wu, Frederic	2018	New York, NY
Lee, Maxwell	2015	North Reading, MA	Wu, John	2017	Tokyo, JPN
Ma, Warren	2018	Bangkok, THA	Yau, Derek	2015	Andover, MA
Mackall, Gray	2015	Santa Barbara, CA	Young, Jason	2015	Redford, MI
Marino, Giacomo	2018	Durham, NC	Zaeder, Jeffrey	2018	Andover, MA
Masud, Mustafa	2016	Issaquah, WA	Zhang, Benjamin	2017	Andover, MA
Mayhew, Charles	2018	New York, NY			
McCullom, Michael	2018	Andover, MA			

Coach: Corbin Lang, Louis Bernieri

Assistant Coach: Benjamin Duclos, Emma Saffaroni, Becky Hession, Jason York, Alicia Johnson, Onaje Woodbine, Rich Gorham, George Heinrichs, Jim Chamberas, Annabelle Hicks, Athena Johnson, Patrick Reilly, Laura Lowry, Julianne McDonough, Sean Hyland, John Rex

Boys Track Schedule
Spring 2015

			Record
April 4, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Meet vs. Andover High	H	
April 11, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Deerfield and Taft	A	Andover 44; Deerfield 34; Taft 65
April 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Meet vs. **St. Paul's** ,Milton, and Lawrence Academy	A	St. Pauls did not keep score
May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Meet vs. **NMH** and Loomis	A	Andover 50; Loom 45; NMH 88
May 6, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Meet vs. Cushing and Pingree	H	Andover 175; Cushing 49; Pingree 9.5
May 16, 2015 at 10:00 PM	Interscholastics @ NMH	A	8th place
May 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Meet vs. Exeter	A	44-95 - L

Boys Track & Field

Great First Meet
At Deerfield on April 11, 2015 at 2:45 PM

The Phillips Academy boy's track team placed 2nd in a three-team meet held at Deerfield Academy on Saturday. The Taft School placed 1st at 65 points, to Phillips'a 44 and Deerfield's 34.
Sophomore Noah Ward (North Hampton, NH) won the discus with an eye-popping throw of 151-7. Senior John Gorton won both the 1500m and 300m

Great Showing on the Track and in the Field
At St. Paul's on April 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM

Although the host team did not tally team scores, our boys made their presence known on the podium. In 16 of the 17 events contested, Andover boys scored and in three events (300IH, LJ, TJ) we scored three or more.

Sophomore Noah Ward (North Hampton, NH) won the shot put with an eye-popping put of 50-09, and also took first in the discus. Ross Jax won his first 110HH race of his young and promising career. John Gorton dominated the 1500 meters and Derek Yau won the triple jump. The boys 4x400m team of Andy Salitre, Ben Zhang, Ethan Brown, and Christian Cruz put the meet to bed by finishing second.

Boys Have a Strong Showing
At NMH on May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM

The Phillips Academy boys track team placed second in a thee team meet at Northfield Mount Hermon that included the Loomis Chaffee School on Saturday at NMH. We still had trouble getting the baton around the track in both relays, but we competed well.

Noah Ward (Hampton NH) took first in the shot and discus. With seasons best time, winter captain John Gorton (NYC) won the 3000.
Team scores: NMH 88, Phillips 50, Loomis Chaffee 45

Phillips winners
3000 John Gorton 9:08.5
Shot Noah Ward 47-9
Discus Ward 139-10

Good Tune Up before Interschols
At home on May 6, 2015 at 3:30 PM

Boys performed well in their one and only home meet of the season. It was a great day seeing everyone on the team competing.
First place out of 4 teams scored 177.5 points

Boys Run Hard at Interschols
At NMH on May 16, 2015 at 10:00 PM

The Phillips Academy Boys Track Team placed 8th out of 12 teams in the New England Prep School Track Association Division One championships held at the Northfield Mount Hermon School on Saturday.

Sophomore Noah Ward (Hampton, NH) continued his excellent season in the throws, while Ralph Skinner and John Gorton excelled in the distance events. Phillips Academy will end their season next Saturday with the annual showdown meet at arch rival Phillips Exeter. NEPTSA Division One meet Team scores: 1.Phillips Exeter 122, 2.Taft School 89, 3.Hotchkiss 71, 8.Phillips Academy 16 (of 12 teams) Phillips placers 800: 5.Ralph Skinner 1:55.11 1500: 4.John Gorton 4:09.63 SP: 4.Noah Ward 48-4 DT:

3.Ward 148-5 4x400: 3:32.25 (Christian Cruz, Keton Kakkar, Skinner, Edward Hartemink) 8th place out of 12 teams 16.0 points

Another Class Record Falls as Boys Finish the Season
At Exeter on May 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM

The Phillips Academy Boy's Track Team concluded their season on Saturday with the annual showdown meet at Phillips Exeter. Andrew Wang won the 300 hurdles (42.6), Ralph Skinner took the 800 (1:58.0) and John Gorton won the 3000 (9:12.6). Sophomore Noah Ward continued his excellent season in the throws, winning the discus with a lower class record breaking throw of 153-03 and taking second in the shot (50-01.5). Ward now owns both the shot and disc Lower Class Records. On Saturday the Phillips Academy boys and girls track team bid farewell to longtime head coach Corbin Lang, who steps down after leading the boys team to nine NEPSTA Division 1 Championship titles (7 as head coach) and seven girl's titles (5 as head coach) in his 18-year career.

Sport: Girls Track & Field

Year: 2015

Captain: Charlie Jarvis

Coach: Corbin Lang

Assistant Coach: Becky Hession

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Bango, Carmen
Dolan, Angela
Gangi, Taryn
Huang, Jenny
Humes, Alana
Humes, Sarah
Jarvis, Charlie
Johnson, Gabriella
Jones, Michaela
Lefft, Alexis
Lefft, Gadson
Little, Camille
Marsh, Deyana
McGovern, Peyton
Platt, Sharon Ruth
Schmidt, Mikayla
Shehadeh, Anoush
Shipley, Caroline
Tao, Meghan
Tope, Parker
Vale, Hanover
Wilson, Katherine
Zhang, Sharon

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NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
Bango, Carmen	2016	Woodstock, VT	Marsh, Deyana	2017	Middleton, MA
Bansal, Esha	2015	Indialantic, FL	Marshall, Makenna	2018	Capitol Heights, MD
Benjapibal, Nonravee	2015	Bangkok, THA	McGovern, Peyton	2016	Methuen, MA
Bidwell, Brooke	2017	Santa Barbara, CA	Murphy, Madison	2016	Andover, MA
Dia, Malika	2017	Ouagadougou, BFA	Naranjo, Cassandra	2015	Santa Clarita, CA
Dolan, Angela	2016	Andover, MA	Oasis, Zoe	2017	Dover, MA
Espinosa, Cindy	2018	Hillsborough, NJ	Pandji, Josephine	2016	Surabaya, IND
Fucillo, Anna	2015	Winthrop, MA	Platt, Sharon Ruth	2015	Eielson AFB, AK
Gangi, Taryn	2016	Methuen, MA	Rademacher, Grace	2018	Wellesley, MA
Georgi, Velina	2017	Columbia, SC	Rockmore, Talia	2015	Loudonville, NY
Gudinas, Alana	2016	Atkinson, NH	Schmidt, Mikayla	2017	Tyngsboro, MA
Hagemeyer, Hannah	2015	Gottingen, DEU	Shehadeh, Anoush	2015	Larchmont, NY
Hamann, Leah	2017	North Andover, MA	Shipley, Caroline	2016	Andover, MA
Hoang, Sophie	2018	Dallas, TX	Silva, Hayley	2015	Newtown Square, PA
Huang, Jenny	2016	Leawood, KS	Steiner, Margot	2017	New York, NY
Humes, Alana	2015	Beaconsfield, QC	Swain, Krystiana	2018	Haverhill, MA
Humes, Sarah	2016	Beaconsfield, QC	Tao, Meghan	2015	Andover, MA
Jarvis, Charlie	2015	Watertown, MA	Thompson, Teagan	2018	New York, NY
Johnson, Gabriella	2016	Matthews, NC	Tope, Parker	2016	Minneapolis, MN
Jones, Michaela	2018	North Andover, MA	Vale, Hanover	2015	Andover, MA
Kramer, Anna	2016	Bedford Hills, NY	Virgili Alovisetti, Adriana	2015	Madrid, ESP
Landaverde, Natalie	2018	Riverdale, GA	Williams, Myioshi	2017	Miami, FL
Lefft, Alexis	2016	Lake Wylie, SC	Wilson, Katherine	2018	Wenham, MA
Lefft, Gadson	2015	Lake Wylie, SC	Wu, Yifei	2017	New York, NY
Little, Camille	2016	West Bloomfield, MI	Zhang, Sharon	2016	Portland, OR
Lu, Alice	2017	Hong Kong	Zhang, Wendy	2017	Andover, MA
Lucas, Pulane	2018	Richmond, VA			

Coach: Corbin Lang, Louis Bernieri

Assistant Coach: Benjamin Duclos, Emma Saffaroni, Becky Hession, Jason York, Alicia Johnson, Onaje Woodbine, Rich Gorham, George Heinrichs, Jim Chamberas, Annabelle Hicks, Athena Johnson, Patrick Reilly, Laura Lowry, Julianne McDonough, Sean Hyland, John Rex

Girls Track Schedule
Spring 2015

			Record
April 4, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Meet vs. Andover High	H	
April 11, 2015 at 2:45 PM	Meet vs. Deerfield and Taft	A	Andover 97; Taft 31; Deerfield 30
April 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Meet vs.St. Paul's, Milton, and Lawrence Academy	A	St. Paul's did not keep score
May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Meet vs. NMH and Loomis	A	Andover 88; Loomis 63.5; NMH 22
May 6, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Meet vs. Cushing and Pingree	H	Andover 161; Cushing 49; Pingree 9.5
May 16, 2015 at 10:00 PM	Interscholastics @ NMH	A	2nd Place
May 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM	Meet vs. Exeter	A	73-72 - W

Girls Track & Field

Great First Meet
At Deerfield on April 11, 2015 at 2:45 PM

The Phillips Academy girl's track team won a three-team meet in their first competition of the season, finishing with 97 points to defeat Taft School (31) and host Deerfield Academy (30). Caroline Shipley (Andover, MA) won the 400 meters and ran on the winning 4x400 relay. Peyton McGovern (Methuen, MA) and Michaela Jones (North Andover, MA) placed 1st and 2nd in the 1500. Gadson Lefft (Lake Wylie, SC) won two events.

Team scores: Phillips 97, Taft School 31, Deerfield 30
Phillips winners (electronic timing): 200 Camille Little 26.46, 400 Caroline Shipley 1:01, 800 Carmen Bongo 2:20.97, 1500 Peyton McGovern 4:57, 3000 Anoush Shehadeh 11:17.16, 100 hurdles Deyana Marsh 18.22, 300 hurdles Charli Jarvis 49.04, pole vault Jenny Huang 6-6, high jump Gadson Lefft 4-8, shot put Lefft 30-6.5, discus Alexis Lefft 85-5, 4x100 50.2 (Lexi Johnson, Jarvis, Shipley, Little), 4x400 (McGovern, Michaela Jones, Parker Tope, Bongo)
Phillips Academy girls won every event on the track!

Great Showing for Girls Track and Field
At St. Paul's on April 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM

The Phillips Academy girl's track team travelled north to St. Paul's School to compete in a meet that also included Milton Academy and Lawrence Academy. Although the host team did not tally team scores, our girls were well represented on the scoresheet. In each of the 17 events contested, Andover girls scored and in 15/17 event we scored two athletes.

Caroline Shipley (Andover, MA) won the 400 meters and ran on the winning 4x400 relay. Camille Little won the LJ, both the 100 meters and 200 meters, and ran on the winning 4x100 relay. Sarah Humes won both the 100HH and 300IH. Carmen Bango won the 800 meters. Alexis Lefft won the DT and Jenny Huang tied for the win in the PV. The girls 4x400m team of Tookie Wilson, Krystiana Swain, Sharon Zhang, and Carmen Bango ended a strong meet with a huge win.

Girls Make a Statement
At NMH on May 2, 2015 at 4:00 PM

The Phillips Academy Girls Track team won a three-team meet on the road on Saturday, defeating Loomis Chaffee and host NMH. This was a big test for our girls and our last major competition before Interschols.

Peyton McGovern won the 800 and Caroline Shipley took the 400 and ran on the winning 4x400 relay. Camille Little won the 100, 200, and LJ. Gadson Lefft won the HJ. Michaela Jones won the 3000 and Sarah Humes won the 300IH. Megan Tao, Tookie Wilson, Carmen Bango, Shipley combined to run a blazing 4x400m relay The Phillips Academy Girls Track team won a three-team meet on the road on Saturday, defeating Loomis Chaffee and host NMH.

Team Scores: Phillips 88, Loomis 63.5, NMH 22

Phillips winners
100 Camille Little 12.5
200 Little 25.7
400 Caroline Shipley 58.6
800 Peyton McGovern 2:19.7
3000 Michaela Jones 10.34.5
300IH Sarah Humes 50.1
LJ Little 16-0.5
HJ Gadson Lefft 4-8
4x100 4:07.8 (Megan Tao, Tookie Wilson, Carmen Bango, Shipley).

Good Tune Up before Interschols
At home on May 6, 2015 at 3:30 PM

Girls performed well in our one and only home meet of the season. It was a great tune up for Interschols this weekend. 1st place out of 4 teams 161.0 points

Girls Overcome Challenges and Place Second at Interschols
At NMH on May 16, 2015 at 10:00 PM

The Phillips Academy Girls Track team placed 2nd out of 12 teams at the New England Prep School Track Association Division One championships held at the Northfield Mount Hermon School on Saturday.

Senior captain Charli Jarvis (Watertown, MA) led the way by winning the 300 hurdles for the second straight year, and placed second in the long jump. Caroline Shipley (Andover, MA) placed in three events. Phillips will finish their season next Saturday with the annual showdown at Phillips Exeter. NEPTSA Division One meet Team scores: 1.Loomis Chaffee 100, 2.Phillips Academy 82.5, 3.Phillips Exeter 75.5 (of 12 teams) Phillips placers 100: 5.Taryn Ganjii 13.23 200: 4.Caroline Shipley 26.62 400: 2.Shipley 58.56 800: 1.Carmen Bango 2:19.37 1500: 3.Bango 4:43.83 3000: 3.Michaela Jones 10:42.39 100H: 4.Sarah Humes 16.84 300H: 1.Charli Jarvis 46.89, 6.Humes 49.66 HJ: 2.Alana Humes 4-10, 5.Gadson Lefft 4-8 Pole: 6.Jenny Huang 7-6 LJ: 2.Jarvis 16-6 TJ: 5.Ganjii 34-9 SP: 6.Lefft 31-10.5 DT: 6.Lefft 95-5 4x400: 1st place at 4:03.00 (Bango, Katherine Wilson, Jarvis, Shipley) 2nd place out of 12 teams 82.5 points

Girls Win on the Last Lap
At Exeter on May 23, 2015 at 2:30 PM

The Phillips Academy Girls Track team concluded their season with a thrilling, razor thin victory over arch rival Phillips Exeter on Saturday, 73-72.

Senior captain Charlie Jarvis (Watertown, MA) anchored the winning 4x400 relay to secure the victory. Jarvis, heading to Stanford University in the fall, also won the 100 meter dash and anchored the winning 4x100 relay. Sarah Humes won the high jump and the 300 hurdles, while junior Michaela Jones (Andover, MA) won the 1500. Upper Caroline Shipley (Andover, MA) won the 400 and ran on both winning relays. Phillips Academy winners: 100 Charli Jarvis 12.9 400 Caroline Shipley 60.9 800 Tookie Wilson 2:23.9 1500 Michaela Jones 4:54.5 300 Hurdles Sarah Humes 48.4 HJ Humes 4-8 Jav Hanover Vale 89-9 4x100 51.0 (Alexi Johnson, Taryn Ganjii, Caroline Shipley, Charli Jarvis) 4x400 4:06.8 (Meghan Tao, Wilson, Shipley, Jarvis) On Saturday the Phillips Academy boys and girls track team bid farewell to longtime head coach Corbin Lang, who steps down after leading the boys team to nine NEPSTA Division 1 Championship titles (7 as head coach) and seven girl's titles (5 as head coach) in his 18-year career

New Talent Brings High Expectations

By Matthew Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Track & Field will look to improve on strong finishes at last year's NEPSTA (New England Prep School Track Association) Division I Championships. The girls claimed fourth place while the boys finished in ninth.

The team did not have a formal preseason, but members of the team trained individually to prepare for the season. Caroline Shipley '16 said, "Over the break I tried to maintain the momentum from indoor track as best I could – ran some hills, sprints and lifted, but it was not quite the same without the team."

Furthermore, many members of the team participated in winter track to sharpen up for the spring.

Head Coach Corbin Lang said, "I'm really excited about the upcoming season. Our girls are returning a very strong team and the work that we did over the winter will help us transition into the spring. Our boys are also looking strong. It's very encouraging to see so much new talent. They always compete with the heart of a lion, so I can't wait to see them compete like that again this year."

The girls team looks strong for all aspects of the competition. Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 said, "We have more than one really strong returning athlete in almost every event. Add this to the many newcomers we have this season, and our team has a ton of potential."

Long-distance runners for the team found a lot of success during the winter season, and hope to continue their strong performances.

Captain Nick DiAdamo '15 is optimistic about the boys team's future despite losing many crucial Seniors. He said, "In terms of the future, we had a lot of young talent last year that will be moving up this year [and] becoming even stronger competitors, and we gained several Post-Graduates who appear to be filling some holes we've had the past few years."

Derek Yau '15 will look to make an impact after being sidelined for most of last year with a hamstring injury. He has worked hard for the past year in order to return. "I prepared for the season by lots of physical therapy and leg strengthening."

Both teams will use the first meet against Andover High School on April 4 to identify their strengths and weaknesses.

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Alana Gudinas '16 (left) and Anna Kramer '16 (right).

Deep Lineup Propels Andover in First Meet of Season

By Matthew Shea
LLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 won the 300-Meter hurdle race against Deerfield and Taft.

every last workout has made the difference... I hope to be as competitive a contender as possible at Interschols and to hopefully score some major points in the meet to come."

Jarvis won the 300-Meter hurdles with time of 49.04. Jarvis wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I didn't have a chance to compete in hurdles during the winter season so it felt great to compete in that event for the first time since last May. I'm still working on improving my hurdling form, but I definitely think this weekend's meet was a great starting point."

Noah Ward '17 triumphed in Shot Put and Discus with throws of 47-5.25 and 151-7.

Ward wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I started off in practice pretty rusty after not throwing since last season, but with the help of my coaches I came out to the first meet not expecting to come out on top but snuck in a good series to get the lead."

Andover Track and Field looks to continue its success against Milton next Saturday, April 25.

Underclassmen Flash Potential

By Matt Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Track and Field voyaged to St. Paul's School on Saturday and performed exceptionally well – although team scores were not officially recorded at the meet, the Girls team continued its dominance and remained undefeated. Meanwhile, the Boys team competed well, and its younger members showed potential.

Specifically, Noah Ward '17 impressed for the second meet in a row. Ward earned first place in Discus and finished second in Shot Put, with remarkable throws of 145'-00" and 50'-09", respectively.

"I started out the meet with a good series of throws around 50' for Shot Put with a best of 50' 9" for second place, and then I transitioned over to Discus to throw a 145'. I had a good day in terms of distances, and I hope to improve those as we move toward Interschols," wrote Ward in an email to *The Phillipian*.

The standout for the Girls was jumper and sprinter Camille Little '16, who dominated her competition, proving triumphant in the Long Jump, 100-Meter and 200-Meter races. She also participated in the winning 4x100-Meter Relay.

Little wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I was extremely excited and happy with the way the entire team ran. It was incredible to see how much the team has improved since the first meet. I really look forward to this weekend at Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) since they have a fast track, and we have a history of doing well there. I think that with this past meet's performance, we should have the confidence and ability to bring home a win this weekend."

Caroline Shipley '16 continued her undefeated streak in the 400-Meter Dash and the 4x100-Meter Relay. In the 400, Shipley improved her time from a 1:01 from the first meet to an impressive 59.2.

Shipley wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "The meet overall was awesome across the board. For me personally, it was nice because I improved my times a lot from last meet, which motivates me to improve them even more for this weekend at NMH."

John Gorton '15 maintained his undefeated streak in the 1500-Meter Relay, posting a time of 4:19, nearly matching his previous time of 4:15. Gorton remained with the leading pack for the majority of the race, and once he was in striking distance, he bolted ahead to secure his victory.

Gorton wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "The 1500 this week was very much a 'wait for the last lap' kind of race, which actually suits my racing style well. I waited in the leading pack for the first three laps, then pulled out my fastest time in the final 400, giving me a strong lead over the other runners."

Andover Girls swept the 800-Meter Race. Carmen Bango '16 achieved first place, continuing her undefeated streak with a time of 2:19, followed by teammates Katherine Wilson '18 and Michaela Jones '18 who earned second and third place, respectively. Bango just shaded her last time of 2:20.97 from the previous meet.

Bango wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "The 800 is a really cool and challenging event because it is a mixture of distance and sprinting. I love the 800 because you have all the adrenaline that comes with a sprint, but you also have time to think during the race. Last week I focused on staying strong and pacing myself. I hope to improve next meet by starting out a little slower so that I can finish faster."

Jax Ross '17, who nabbed first place in the 110-Meter Hurdles, said, "My first time running hurdles was very fun despite the cold. The competition among my teammates is insanely intense. We push ourselves every practice, striving to get better, aiming for perfection."

Andover Track and Field takes on NMH and Loomis Chaffee at NMH this Saturday.

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Camille Little '16 took first in both of her individual events.

Girls Earn Second Place Out of 12 Teams at NEPSTA

By Matt Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Track and Field had a strong performance at the New England Prep School Track Association (NEPSTA) Division I Championships this past Saturday at Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH). The Girls team stood out with an impressive second place finish out of the 12 teams competing. The Boys team concluded the day in eighth place out of 12.

Co-Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 said, "I'm so proud of all the hard work of the girls on our team. This Interschols was by far one of the best I've been able to go to, and every single person fought hard and long for our second place finish. The team has been both hard working and supportive of each other all season, and it really culminated in our second place finish on Saturday."

Jarvis led the Girls team with an exceptional performance. She placed first in the 300-Meter Hurdles with a time of 46.89, earned second place in the Long Jump with a distance of 16'6" and was a member of the first place 4x400 Meter Relay team that finished in 4:03. She has both fulfilled her role as Co-Captain throughout the season and closed out her Andover career in impressive fashion.

"Competing at Interschols for the fourth year in a row allowed me to really see my growth as an athlete. I was excited to get second in the long jump, especially because I've had a lot more time to focus on the event this year, and it was nice to see my in the 300-Meter Hurdles definitely got harder since last year, so it felt good to be able to win again with a faster time. We had two distance runners, as well as [Caroline] Shipley ['16], really step up to the plate in the relay as well, and we were able to beat Hotchkiss's team which is always good," said Jarvis.

Shipley finished in second place in the 400-Meter in a time of 58.56 and ran on the winning 4x400 team with Jarvis.

Carmen Bango '16 claimed first place in the 800-Meter with a time of 2:19.37 and was another member of the winning 4x400-Meter Relay team with Jarvis and Shipley. She also earned third place in the 1500-Meter, with a time of 4:43.83. Bango had a great meet and looks to be an effective member of the team next year.

"My favorite moment of Interschols was competing in the 4x400 Relay. It was truly special to feel the adrenaline, excitement and love for the team when we came across the line in first place," wrote Bango in an email to *The Phillipian*.

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For the Boys team, Ralph Skinner '16 finished fifth in the 800-Meter with a time of 1:55.11.

Co-Captain John Gorton '15 earned fourth place in the 1500-Meter with a time of 4:09.63. Gorton has been outstanding all season and ran exceptionally well under the pressure of NEPSTA.

Gorton said, "My race at NMH was probably the toughest race I have run in my time at Andover. I have never been more tired in the minutes after racing and never felt more certain that I gave all I had to give. I feel lucky to have had such an awesomely tough day for my third and final Interschols."

Noah Ward '17 had an impressive performance on the field, as he placed third in Discus with a throw of 148'5" and fourth in the Shot Put with a throw of 48'4". Ward will continue to be an integral member of Andover's team in the next two years.

Ward said, "It was a tough meet with a lot of competition, but the throwers came out ready to go. Even though many of the throwers had to compete in multiple events, which is exhausting, we were able to place and get points to contribute to the team."

Andover Track and Field will travel to Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday in its final meet of the season.

Girls Team Clinches One-Point Win

By Matt Shea
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Track & Field (PATF) squared off against rival Phillips Exeter Academy in a thriller on Saturday. The last meet of the season, as well as the storied career of Head Coach Corbin Lang, was marked by succes. Lang is stepping down from the coaching position at the end of this spring.

The Girls team squeaked out a victory, winning 73-72 in a memorable finish to a flawless 4-0 regular season.

"Even though we beat Exeter at Interschols, we went in to the dual meet knowing that nothing was guaranteed. It was a hard fought win and very much a team effort. Everybody had such a strong desire to win and to finish our season strong, and they showed that in their performances," wrote Co-Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Jarvis notched three victories throughout the meet, placing first in both the 4x100 and 4x400 Relays (51.0 and 4:06.8), as well as the 100-Meter dash with a time of 12.9. Jarvis closed out an excellent season with a commanding performance.

"It was my last meet running with PATF, and I really just gave every event my all. The meet ended up coming down to the 4x400-Meter Relay, and it was nice to be able to run the last leg of the relay as I had watched so many Captains before me do. Running that last lap around the track to finish the 4x400-Meter Relay was a very surreal moment. Our success this season has been such a collective effort, and it's nice that all the focus, support and dedication that every member has shown really did pay off," said Jarvis.

Caroline Shipley '16 also proved triumphant in three events, winning both relays alongside Jarvis and the 400-Meter with a time of 60.9. Returning as a Senior next year, she will be instrumental in Andover's success.

Shipley wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "While every track season so far has been great, this one was especially exciting because of the improvement and determination. By the end of the season, everyone was performing at their absolute best, and that's so much fun to be a part of. This weekend we demonstrated this perfectly, pulling off a one-point win over Exeter, even after losing some of our strongest athletes to injuries."

The Boys team fell to Exeter 95-44, yet saw potential throughout the meet.

John Gorton '15 capped off an impressive season with another win in the 3000-Meter, finishing with a time of 9:12.6. Gorton has left his mark on the team throughout an impressive season.

He said, "When I imagined my final race with PATF, I certainly did not imagine being carted away from the Exeter track by ambulance or spending the night in Isham, but nevertheless, those things did happen. And although the hours after my race were rough, I am satisfied that I gave all I had to give on Saturday and performed well in my last race at Andover."

Noah Ward '17 had a record-breaking day, placing second in the Shot Put with a throw of 50' 01.5", and more notably, winning the Discus to break the Lower class record at Andover with an astounding throw of 153' 03". Ward now holds the Lower class records for both Shot Put and Discus.

Ward wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "It was a tough meet against Exeter, and they had a lot of depth with their throwers. I had a pretty good day in both events, but particularly in [Discus]."

Both teams look to have returning athletes that can make an impact on next year to work to fill in the shoes of the valuable runners it will graduate.

Another loss that will hit the team next year is the departure of Lang from his 18-year career of coaching at Andover. He coached Andover to a combined 16 New England Prep School Track Association Division 1 titles, 12 of them when he was Head Coach. Concluding the meet, an emotional Lang was hoisted onto the team's shoulders.

Jarvis said, "After the meet, the team was all so happy that we lifted Coach Lang in the air, in celebration of such a great season and of winning the last meet he will ever have the opportunity to coach."

Lang said to his team, "I am so fortunate that all of you are part of my life."

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Co-Captain Charlie Jarvis '15 lead the team to a 4-0 record this season.

Sport: Ultimate Frisbee

Year: 2015

Captains: Jack McGovern & Jordan Swett

Coach: Scott Hoenig

Assistant Coach: Andrew Housiaux
& Spencer Diamond

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Alpert, Matthew
Amorosso, Rocco
Bhathena, Darian
Griffin, Calvin
Ira, Richard Satoshi
Jackson, Ian
Jiang, Alexander
Krishnamachar, Aditya
Mananiah, Gabriel
McGovern, John
McIntosh, Ethan
Navarro, Bowman, Bianca
Philip, Reuben
Swett, Jordan
Wolfe, Mames
Young, Seho

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
ULTIMATE FRISBEE VARSITY
2015

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
1	Trautmann, Franziska	2016	Carencro, LA
2	Philip, Reuben	2018	North Andover, MA
3	Bodet, Duschia	2016	North Andover, MA
4	Young, Seho	2015	Dedham, MA
5	Ira, Richard Satoshi	2016	Stamford, CT
7	Michaels, Bennett	2016	Manchester, MA
8	Jiang, Alexander	2015	Houston, TX
9	Wolfe, James	2017	Orlando, FL
10	Krishnamachar, Aditya	2017	Darien, CT
11	McIntosh, Ethan	2015	Lexington, MA
12	McGovern, John	2015	Andover, MA
13	Alpert, Matthew	2015	North Andover, MA
14	Lewis, Rohan	2017	Middleton, MA
15	Swett, Jordan	2015	Littleton, MA
16	Jackson, Ian	2016	Chapel Hill, NC
17	Amorosso, Rocco	2015	Tampa, FL
18	Vogel, John	2016	Vancouver, BC
19	Mahaniah, Gabriel	2016	Andover, MA
20	Bhathena, Darian	2016	Andover, MA
22	Day, Kastan	2016	Seattle, WA
23	Griffin, Calvin	2015	New York, NY

Coach: Scott Hoenig
Managers: Madison Katz, '17, Bianca Navarro Bowman, '15
Videographer:Olivia Xiong, '16

Ultimate Schedule
Spring 2015

			Record	
April 1, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Andover Ultimate	H		
April 8, 2015 at 5:15 PM	Newton North Ultimate	H	Win	11-10
April 8, 2015 at 5:15 PM	Newton North Ultimate	H		
April 11, 2015 at 12:30 PM	Game vs. NMH	A	Loss	4-10
April 11, 2015 at 12:30 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	A	Win	11-2
April 15, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Concord-Carlisle	H	Win	15-7
April 22, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. BU Academy	H	Win	15-2
April 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM	Andover	A	11-9, Win (Falmouth HS, ME); 15-3, Win (Andover HS); 15-11, Win (Needham HS)	
April 29, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Lexington Hs Ultimate	A	Loss	6-15
May 2, 2015 at 9:00 AM	Amherst Ultimate Tournament @ Amherst HS	A	Williston Northampton 15-1 Win; Amherst JVB 15-2 Win; Falmouth (ME) 12-13 Loss; Somerville 15-4 Win	
May 3, 2015 at 12:00 PM	Amherst Ultimate Tournament @ Amherst HS	A	Hotchkiss 7-11 Loss; Falmouth (ME) 15-3 Win; 3rd Place Finish	Placed 3rd
May 6, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Masconomet Ultimate	H	Win	13-11
May 13, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Somerville Ultimate	H		
May 16, 2015 at 9:00 AM	NEPSUL Tourney	A		
May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM	Andover Ultimate	H		

Year-Long Training Paying Dividends

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Co-Captains Jack McGovern '15 and Jordan Swett '15 will lead Andover Ultimate Frisbee in its quest to improve on its fourth-place finish at the New England Prep School Ultimate League (NEPSUL) Championship Tournament last year.

In preparation for the season, Swett and McGovern have been running weekly workouts and scrimmages for the Varsity team since the Fall Term. This year, Andover started training early for the season and worked towards improving vital skills before the spring.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, returning player Darian Bhathena '16 wrote, "Our captains did an amazing job organizing practices and workouts for returning players, and even pickup games for other kids who were curious about the game and wanted to try it. That preparation is the difference between wins and losses early in the season."

McGovern wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Not all of the athletes trying out were able to practice over break and some haven't even ever played at all! That being said, the Varsity team has some strong candidates for this upcoming season, and we are all very excited for it."

When asked about the probability of securing the championship this season, Swett was optimistic. "I have a really good feeling about this season. We've never had year-long weekly practices before, so our team is heading into the season better than ever with much stronger team chemistry. This means we will be much stronger as a team right off the bat," he said.

McGovern said, "Our team is looking solid this year. We have ten returning Varsity players and some strong athletes trying out this year. [Andover] can compete with the best ultimate teams out there. We just have to work hard and focus on our game."

The two Captains are emphasizing accurate passes and building trust between teammates during practices, so that the team can execute on the field. Additionally, they are making all newcomers feel welcome on the team.

Duschia Bodet '16 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Everyone is really supportive; coaches, returning players and new players all seem very kind and just out to have a good time. It should be a really great season."

Many players are new to the sport, and it often takes many games to get acclimated to the sport. Both Captains have tried to address this during the offseason and will continue to inspire confidence in new players.

Other veterans are making an effort to help newcomers as well. Bhathena added, "At this point last year I was struggling to become familiar with a strange game while worrying about whether I was going to make the team. As a returner, I'm just excited to get on the field and help new players grow to the love the game as much as I have."

Andover will kick off the season on Wednesday April 1, with a game against one of its rivals, Andover High School. The team hopes that a win will propel it to a quick start this season.

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ltimate has compiled an impressive 7-2 record.

By Cassie Chin
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	11
Falmouth High	9
Andover	15
Andover High	3
Andover	15
Needham High	11
Andover	6
Lexington High	15

Last Sunday, Andover Ultimate wept in the Andover Invitational y deafting Falmouth High School 1-9, Andover High School 15-3 and Needham High School 15-11. After falling to Lexington High School 6-15 on Wednesday, however, the team holds a record of 7-2.

Against Falmouth, Andover struggled to find a rhythm at the start of the game. Andover's poor communication in the first half allowed Falmouth to take advantage of the situation and quickly score six points to Andover's three.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Reuben Philip '18 wrote, "One of our main weaknesses in that tournament was defensive positioning and team defense such as holding a force, and switching when two of the opposing players ran past each other."

After equalizing, Andover immediately opened up a slight lead with movement of the disc among handlers and cutters. Andover soon prevailed and managed to snag the tough victory against Falmouth.

In the game against Andover High School, the team revamped its strategy in order to avoid the mistakes it made in the first game against Falmouth.

Andover Ultimate players continually sprinted down the field on turnovers for counter attacks, leaving no time for Andover High School to set up on defense. Co-Captain Jack McGovern '15, Matthew Alpert '15 and Darian Bhathena '16 all made great diving catches into the end zone which, in turn, permitted Andover to rack up points against Andover High School.

After two victories, Andover hoped to continue its winning streak against Needham High School. As the game progressed, the team traded points against its opponents and managed to capitalized on its opponent's mistakes to grind out the narrow victory.

Andover's defense made clean and precise feeds to the offense into the end zone. By improving upon guarding abilities, Andover learned to preserve energy for fast breaks. The team had an important fast break which gave it the necessary two-point lead against its opponent.

On Wednesday, Lexington's strong defensive setups and precise execution proved a serious offensive challenge for Andover. To counter, Andover forced turnovers to match its opponent's defensive intensity.

Andover adapted to a majority of Lexington's plays and maintained a strong vertical stack offense. When Lexington attempted to play a man defense on Andover, Andover's vertical stack cuts allowed it to advance the disc down the fie in order to score. In the end, And ver, however, still fell short.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Bhathena wrote, "I think played a really good game. Coach [Hoenig] constantly told this game was an opportunity a true learning experience. An think we all as a team did a gr job learning from our mistakes."

Playing four games this we allowed the team to gain valual experience. Philip said, "As tournament progressed, we i proved a lot and were able to many styles of offense which co only make us better if we see th again later in the season."

Andover will look to improve communication in preparation the Amherst Invitational on Sat day and Sunday.

Ultimate Snags its First Win in Final Minutes of Game

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
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Andover	11
Newton North	10

Andover Ultimate led New-n North High School 10-7 late the game on Wednesday, but ter allowing Newton North to me back to even up the score -10, the pressure was on An-ver. Co-Captain Jordan Swett 5, however, led an Andover re-onse, connecting with Calvin riffin '15, who scored the tie-breaking goal to secure an 11-10 victory.

Though weather conditions presented a challenge to Andover's offense, the team still managed to maintain an 8-5 lead going into the second half of the game. The defense pressed hard against Newton North, forcing several turnovers.

With a revamped strategy, Newton North changed to a zone defense that initially caught Andover off guard. Losing its momentum, Andover allowed three goals in a row before rethinking its defensive strategy.

Co-Captain Jack McGovern '15 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We [were] relentless. No matter what Newton North threw at us, we fought back with hard defense and solid offense. Throughout the game, Newton North was especially pushing for the upline throw to the dump cut, and while it worked for a couple points, we caught up and shut that option down."

Andover's defense continued to hold a strong press against Newton North's offense. Ethan McIntosh '15, Darian Bhathena '16 and Ian Jackson '16 all turned in strong defensive performances

Swett wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Our strengths were keeping very hard marks on the handlers and playing strong defense, ultimately leading to a lot of turnovers."

The Andover players darted down the right side of the field, beating Newton North's defense with consecutive throws, even though they were just yards away from the end zone. Griffin held on to the disc and threw it to Rocco Amorosso '15, but to Andover's dismay, it was intercepted by Newton North.

Andover then forced a quicl turnover. Newton North wasn' quick enough to mark up or Andover players, leaving Grif fin wide open. As soon as Swet' connected with his teammate from 15 yards away, he immediately whipped the disk to Griffir for the winning goal.

Coach Scott Hoenig wrote ir an email to *The Phillipian*, "One of the greatest things about how we played [Wednesday] was that we didn't play any differently when we were ahead or behind or tied – we just continued tc play focused, intense Ultimate."

Swett said, "I was really impressed with how well we worked together and communicated. Our timeouts always resulted in improved quality of play during the next point, and when something wasn't working, we were able to adapt – sometimes flawlessly – to counter the threats we faced."

Though pressure was high on both sides of the field, Andover's composed mental game helped it come out on top.

Jack McGovern '15 said, "We had great spirit today, and there was a lot of positive energy on the field. Even when we lost several consecutive points towards the middle end of the game, we kept our heads up and followed our 'the score is 0-0, game to one' mentality."

Andover hopes to build on its momentum when it faces off against Northfield Mount Hermon and Deerfield away on Saturday.

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occo Amorosso '15 jumps to make a crucial catch around the midfield.

Staunch Defense Carries Ultimate to Two Wins

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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dover	15
ncord-Carlisle	7

st Saturday, Andover Ultimate nated on defensive and offen- fronts to secure an 11-2 victory st Deerfield before falling short st Northfield Mount Hermon H) by a 11-4 margin. The team nt hard against Concord-Carl- n Wednesday to avenge this loss a 15-7 victory.

ough the wind presented a enge at the start of its matchup st Deerfield, Andover settled n quickly and started complet- passes. Andover adapted to the her well to maintain a strong nse that forced many turnovers st Deerfield.

n an email to *The Phillipian*, Dar- Bhathena '16 wrote, "There were s when we were very close to the , but instead of rushing and po- ially losing possession, we took time and played smart, and that's t made the difference on quite a points."

ndover maintained its intensity ughout the game against Deer- l. Even though Andover was far ad of Deerfield after the second , its maintained pressure on its onents.

hathena, Ethan Macintosh '15, Captain Jordan Swett '15, James lfe '17 and Reuben Philip '18 all tributed to Andover's 11 points.

ndover couldn't keep up this ag- ssive momentum in its second ne of the day against NMH. NMH ne out strong against Andover and tched an early lead.

As time ticked down, Andover struggled to capitalize on the NMH's strong zone defense. Andover eventually figured out how to move the disc through the zone, but struggled to consistently successfully execute passes on the field.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Swett wrote, "Our low point was failing to play smart defense against NMH and not recognizing the offensive plays that they used against us repeatedly."

Bhathena added, "[We] were getting too rushed and tried to force the disc into situations that we shouldn't have.

Head Coach Scott Hoenig called timeouts to discuss strategy with his team, helping Andover regain focus after its lethargic start.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Hoenig wrote, "We were beaten to the force side several times in the NMH game, and there were some particularly damaging break-throws in that game as well."

In preparation for its game against Concord-Carlisle, Andover worked on developing man-to-man defense. Andover came out hard from the beginning of the game with precise handling and aggressive defense against Concord.

Andover's cohesive team performance led to a 15-7 victory. Richard Ira '16, Philip and Bhathena had impressive layouts, while defenders Co-Captain Jack McGovern '15 and Ian Jackson '16 succeeded in limiting Concord-Carlisle's offense.

Bhathena said, "We played with infinite patience, working the disc back and forth across the field with precision and intelligence and didn't give up possession throughout the entire point and we eventually worked it right into the end zone."

Andover hopes to improve on execution in its zone offense so it can build on its momentum against Boston University Academy next Wednesday.

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Ethan McIntosh '15 sneaks a long pass under his defender's leg.

Ultimate Sails to Victory

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	15
BUA	2

Andover Ultimate elevated its record to a strong 4-1 after securing its 15-2 victory against Boston University Academy (BUA) on Wednesday. The team implemented a new zone offense that nullified BUA's usually strong defense.

BUA used the windy conditions to its advantage by playing a tight zone defense. This strong defense forced Andover's offense to make additional throws which in turn increased the risk of dropping the disc.

To counter, Andover utilized a zone defense that forced BUA to lose yards on throws and make risky passes. The team used this to its advantage and capitalized on "swinging," or passing the disc across the field. This allowed Andover to gain scoring opportunities against its opponents.

Swinging allowed Andover to force the opposing team to run more and to tire out, which in turn created open Andover players that would pass and easily receive the disk.

Co-Captain Jordan Swett '15 and Ethan McIntosh '15 both played big roles in the win. In an email to *The Phillipian*, Swett wrote, "Throwing in the wind and using a zone offense for the first time were both very effective. We could have played smarter zone offense in terms of moving the disc quickly after turnovers, but besides that, it was a very strong offensive game."

Ultimate's unique officiating added another obstacle for Andover since the players are responsible for calling rule violations.

Duschia Bodet '16 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Because Ultimate is self-officiated, players are expected to call violations to the rules. The other team was not super familiar with the rules, so they often would violate rules accidentally. We need to work on calling those violations, because those violations give the other team an unfair advantage."

In an email to *The Phillipian*, McIntosh added, "BUA would pretty consistently double-team our throwers, and we would often fail to call it, leading to situations where the thrower would be stuck on the sideline without any room to throw."

Though BUA locked up on Andover's offense via double teams, Andover remained composed and continued scoring points with clean and precise offensive feeds into the end zone.

Swett said, "We played very well overall. It was the windiest game we've played in so far this season, but we were much better at throwing in wind than the other team and executed many challenging throws."

Andover hopes to continue its strong play in the Andover Invitational on this Saturday.

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Co-Captain Jordan Swett '15 ducks under his defender to execute a sharp pass.

Andover Grinds Out Comeback Victory

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover	10
Somerville High	7

Although Somerville High School snatched the lead 2-0 in the first few minutes of the game, Andover Ultimate fought back in an incredible comeback to secure a 10-7 win. Andover now stands at a record of 13-4.

Throughout the game, Andover capitalized on Somerville's turnovers in order to gain offensive momentum and score goals.

In the first half of the game, Andover players maintained the majority of the possession by faking out their opponents and making smart plays. Still, Somerville kept the game competitive as it scored two goals after small Andover mishandlings near the end zone.

Co-Captain Jack McGovern '15 said, "It was extremely windy on the field today, and most of our throws were very challenging to make. The weather forced us to think more about our throwing and to value the possession of the disc."

Head Coach Scott Hoenig reconvened with Andover during a timeout to propose a new strategy. Soon after, James Wolfe '17 made a precise, clean assist into the end zone to Ian Jackson '16.

Aditya Krishnamachar '17 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "After we called a timeout, the team started to get more together and really focused in scoring each point one at a time."

The players maintained a strong zone defense as they continued to play precisely by keeping their hands low and following their opposing players in order to intercept passes.

Andover continued to score after Darian Bhathena '16 tied the game at 2-2 with a goal of his own. Soon, Matthew Alpert '15 caught a sharp pass from his teammate and ran through the end zone. After Somerville had a faulty pass near the end zone, Andover pulled out a quick play and Krishnamachar connected with Rocco Amorosso '15 to put Andover ahead 4-2.

Andover's communication allowed it to maintain the lively momentum. Andover intercepted numerous passes and kept a heavy press defense to stop Somerville from advancing. By taking advantage of numerous turnovers caused by the wind and mishandled catches, Andover continued to add points to its score.

Bhathena and Calvin Griffin '15 scored the seventh and eighth goals for Andover, respectively.

Somerville entered the second half with an improved strategy and then kept the game close. Andover continued to score, however, and brought the final score to 13-7.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Bhathena wrote, "I think we played hard and kept demanding our best play from ourselves. Although we could have done better with our offensive mental game, our determination on defense made the difference."

McGovern added, "We learned a lot in today's game, and our team is definitely ready for the New England Prep School Ultimate League (NEPSUL) Championship tournament this weekend."

At the beginning of the season, Co-Captains McGovern and Jordan Swett '15 were confident about placing in, and possibly winning, the NEPSUL Championship Tournament. Their confidence and determination will resonate throughout the team as Andover Ultimate prepares to face off against different schools this Saturday at Choate Rosemary Hall.

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Andover Comes Up Short at Championship Tournament

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

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NMH - 10

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H - 10

Last Saturday, Andover Ultimate faced off against Deerfield Academy, Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) and Hotchkiss School at the New England Prep School Ultimate League (NEPSUL) Championship tournament and tied for third place after deciding to not play a consolation game with NMH. Andover secured a win against Deerfield Academy 11-1, but fell short to NMH by one point with a final score of 9-10 and lost to Hotchkiss 7-10.

Andover's confidence allowed it to play aggressively against Deerfield Academy in the first game of the tournament. The team developed and maintained constant flow and movement of the disc amongst handlers and cutters in order to rack up points.

Andover faced a difficult transition from the first game against Deerfield to the second game against NMH. After losing to NMH earlier in the season, Andover was determined to come out on top. The team quickly built a 4-0 against NMH, but NMH refused to give up and soon revamped its strategy against Andover by putting up a strong zone defense that shut down Andover's long throws into the end zone.

Most of the game involved back and forth points scored by both teams until NMH took the lead 9-8. Adjusting quickly, Andover Ultimate set up zone defense which made it difficult for NMH to find open players down the field.

Co-Captain Jack McGovern '15 and Ethan McIntosh '15 stayed in the backfield and set up as handlers. McGovern and McIntosh made swift passes to each other, pulling NMH players out of position. After making an incredible diving catch, Darian Bhathena '16 threw the disk to James Wolfe '16 to tie the score 9-9 and force overtime.

In the last seconds of overtime play, Andover had a pass intercepted, and NMH scored shortly afterward to defeat Andover. In an email to *The Phillipian*, Reuben Philip '18 wrote, "We played pretty well as a team; however, we did have some communication errors."

Co-Captain Jordan Swett '15 also wrote, "The end of the game was incredibly intense as we had a comeback and went into overtime, but unfortunately, they just happened to win the point and the game was over."

Even though the second game against NMH drained Andover's energy, Andover was still determined to defeat Hotchkiss School in the semi-final of the tournament.

Hotchkiss' captain beat Andover's defense on upfield cuts and carried Hotchkiss' offense throughout the game.

McGovern decided to switch from his normal defensive position to offense and was able to break Hotchkiss' wide zone defense with the support of his teammates. His maneuver gave Hotchkiss trouble throughout the whole game. Despite his efforts, Hotchkiss snagged the lead and Andover fell short 7-10.

Swett added, "If we had fresher legs, I think we would have put up a much better fight. Overall, everyone played very well when they were at their best on Saturday."

Andover hopes to wrap up its season by continuing its strong play.

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Andover challenged Hotchkiss's usually dominant defense.

Sport: Boys Volleyball

Year: 2015

Captains: Thayer Anderson & Oliver Chernyk

Coach: Clyfe Beckwith

Assistant Coach: Vic Svec

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Anderson, Thayer
Krishna, Achindra
Deorocki, Brendan
Jin, Hyung Joon
Chernyk, Oliver
Johst, Thomas
Wagner, Dane
Assamongkol, Rawit
Beckwith, Jakob
Park, Evan
Tuan, Austin
Yang, Jerry
Robichaud, Austin
Wintman, Noah

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
VOLLEYBALL BOYS VARSITY
2015

NO.	NAME	YEAR	HOMETOWN
1	Chernyk, Oliver	2015	New York, NY
2	Assamongkol, Rawit	2018	Bangkok, THA
3	Robichaud, Austin	2015	Reading, MA
4	Anderson, Thayer	2015	Andover, MA
6	Park, Evan	2018	Newport Beach, CA
7	Tuan, Austin	2017	Cupertino, CA
9	Deorocki, Brendan	2015	Boxford, MA
10	Wintman, Noah	2016	Longmeadow, MA
11	Johst, Thomas	2015	Andover, MA
12	Yang, Jerry	2017	Beijing, CHN
13	Jin, Hyung Joon	2015	Seoul, KOR
14	Wagner, Dane	2015	Niceville, FL
15	Krishna, Achindra	2015	Dubai, ARM
16	Beckwith, Jakob	2017	Andover, MA

Coach: Clyfe Beckwith
Assistant Coach: Vic Svec
Managers: Alexandria Becker, '15, Annette Bell, '16, Erica Shin, '16

Boys Volleyball Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 3-10

April 1, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Central Catholic	H	Loss	1-3(scrimmage)
April 18, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A		
April 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. NMH @ Exeter	A	Loss	1-3(Andover 1 - NMH 3 (19-25,23-25,25-21,21-25))
April 18, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Choate @ Exeter	A	Win	3-2(Andover 3 - Choate 2 (27-29,25-19,19-25,25-23,15-13))
April 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Loss	0-3(Phillips Andover 0 -Phillips Exeter 3 (12-25, 23-25,15-25))
April 25, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Wilbraham@ Exeter	A	Win	0-0
May 2, 2015 at 4:45 PM	Game vs. NMH @ Choate	A	Loss	1-3(27-29, 25-23, 19-25, 17-25)
May 2, 2015 at 5:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Loss	1-3
May 5, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Central Catholic	H	Loss	2-3((---))
May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H	Loss	2-3(23-25,25-21, 25-23, 20-25, 9-15)
May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Wilbraham	H	Win	3-0(26-24, 25-11, 25-21)
May 16, 2015 at 10:45 AM	Tournament @ Wilbraham	A	Loss	Andover exits early, Exeter wins the trophy
May 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Loss	1-3((25-16, 21-25, 14-25, 23-25))

Volleyball

Season opener loss to NMH
At Exeter on April 18, 2015 at 4:00 PM

Andover tried a 5-1 rotation given that three starters were away for Andover's long (college-visiting) weekend. Good success with some wrinkles to be ironed out.

Against NMH Andover started tentatively, though taking an early lead at 7-5, 11-7, 14-12 at which point the NMH team, whose front line probably had an average advantage of more than a foot per person on us (only a slight exaggeration, if any at all), started finding their groove. Tied at 17-17 NMH surged ahead for good to take the first set 25-19. The second set started much like the first ended, NMH in control and racking up the points for a 7-3 lead. Though Andover pulled even at 7-7, NMH pulled ahead 15-11. Tied at 17-17, NMH pulled ahead 22-18. Tied at 23-23, NMH pulled ahead 25-23 to take a commanding 2-0 lead in sets. In the third set, with their backs against the wall, and NMH perhaps already counting their chicks, Andover never gave up the lead though NMH several times brought the set to with a one-point difference. After two full rotations Andover forces a fourth set. 25-21 NMH took an early lead of 8-2, and another at 17-10, which in the long run proved well enough to secure them a win. 3 sets to 1. Match stats - team highs: Tom Johst 7 kills hitting 19 of 20 Austin Tuan serving 16 of 18, 1 ace Brendan Deorocki 4 stuffs, blocking 11 of 19 Thayer Anderson digging 26 of 31 Andover's coaches expressed their pride to the team. A battle well fought and with a lot of promise, especially after we put the entire team on the medieval stretching racks and neutralize the height advantage. Ah, not all for naught - not bad for our first match given that at least one starting member had never played competitive volleyball until 3 weeks ago.

A win against Choate to salvage a 1-1 record for the day/season
At Exeter on April 18, 2015 at 4:30 PM

And so we moved on the second match against Choate, both teams battling fatigue as well as hunger in an unusual battle at 6:30 p.m. (ACT testing forced a later start).

Evan Park served Andover to a quick 6-1 lead. Austin Tuan followed and secured a 14-5 advantage. Should have been enough, eh? Not so, said our rivals from Wallingford CT who turned back a set-point at 23-24, and forced Andover to erase two set-points of their own : Andover succumbed on the third set-point. NMH takes a 1-0 set lead at 29-27. Switching sides, Andover now occupying the side that won every set, Andover jumped to an early 7-3 lead, and although Choate almost pulled even, Andover's Thayer Anderson stepped to the service line and secured a 14-6 advantage. That proved to be the deciding advantage and largest point-spread needed for Andover, tying sets at 1-1. The third set (Choate on the winning side) had Choate taking an early lead, though Andover tied it at 8-8. Thereafter Choate never looked back and secured a 2-1 lead. The fourth set saw many lead changes. Choate soared ahead at 4-0, 10-5, 12-8, though Andover tied it at 12-12 and took its first lead at 14-13. Choate immediately countered and went ahead 17-14. Andover rallied to tie at 17-17, 18-18,19-19, 23-23 each time not letting Choate pull away. Siding out to pull even at 23, Andover's Thayer Anderson served his team into the lead and the 25-23 win, forcing the Deciding 5th set. On a gamble Andover put Austin Tuan at the service line to commence the 5th set. His serves had neutralized the Choate offense multiple times that match. Conversely, it meant that Dan Wagner MH faced Choate's Trevor #13, Choate's primary offense threat. The gamble worked at first, Andover forcing Choate to catch up at 2-2, 4-4. Andover took an 8-5 lead into the side-switch. It was the three point margin that made the difference Andover switching to the losing side. Choate pulled even at 11-11, even took a lead at 12-11, tying it again at 13-13. Andover sided-out and Oliver Chernyk secured the winning serve that brought Andover it's first win of the season. Match stats: team high's: Olliver Chernyk 10 kills, hitting 40 for 44 Austin Tuan 12 kills hitting 40 for 50, 5 aces serving 16 for 19 Tom Johst serving 19 for 22 Brendan Deorocki 4 stuffs blocking 11 of 19 Thayer Anderson digging 25 of 30 We send greetings to team members Achindra Krishna, Jason Jin and Austin Robichaud who could not join us for this trip. Thanks to the fans and parents who traveled north to support us. Perhaps they will join us when we make the same trip north to play Wilbraham and Exeter next weekend.

Exeter pulls ahead 3-0 since inception of the Andover/Exeter volleyball rivalry (boys) last year.
At Exeter on April 25, 2015 at 3:30 PM

Today's team high-stats: Austin Tuan 3kills hitting 15 of 17 Brendan Deorocki 1 stuff, blocking 5 of 8 Jerry Yang serving 9 of 9 Thayer Anderson digging 27 of 34

In the first set both Andover and Exeter traded side-outs until Exeter found its groove and had four consecutive servers score 5,5,4, and 3 points in a row. In the second set Andover tried a different rotation with a fair amount of success, pulling ahead 12-5, 15-10, but losing ground after 17-15 to 18-20, going ahead 21-20, but let Exeter back in at 21-24. Though we pulled closer to with 23-24, Exeter sided us out and took a 2-0 advantage into the third set. In the third set Exeter controlled it all the way; 9-4 after only two rotations, 17-12 after six, 20-14, and finally 25-15.

NMH trumps Andover
At Choate on May 2, 2015 at 4:45 PM

Andover arrived at Choate, late start due to SAT exams, to compete against NMH. Andover 1- NMH 3 Exeter 3 - Choate 0 Andover 1- Choate 3 NMH 3 - Exeter 1

Andover had a slow start, though found a good rhythm to pull even and get a 10-9 lead, even pull ahead 13-10, 15-12, 17-15, 19-16. NMH surged back for 21-19, and 22-21 leads. Andover countered to 24-22, but could not convert those two set points, nor the next two and lost the first set 27-29. Andover tied the match in the second. Andover went ahead, though NMH tied it at 9-9, 10-10, 19-19. Andover took a lead at 24-20; NMH came back to 23-24, but Andover held on for a 25-23 win. Andover and NMH traded leads 4 times before the match was tied at 13-13. NMH forged ahead to 18-13, and although ANdover fought back to 17-19 NMH secured the third set 25-19. NMH never trailed in the fourth set and closed out the win 25-17. Andover distinguished itself in finding ways to defend NMH's height and hits, but unable to consistently apply our offense (12 missed serves). Kudos to NMH for this win. Team stats, the highs: Brendan Deorocki 12 kills, hitting 31 of 35, 2 stuffs blocking 10 of 14. Austin Tuan 11 kills, hitting 27 of 35 Austin Robichaud 1 stuff blocking 6 of 9 Evan Park 36 assists, 2 aces serving 22 of 24 Thayer Anderson 50 of 55 digs. Exeter beat Choate in the first match on the other court. 3-0

Andover bests Wilbraham-Monson
At home on May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Trimatch hosted at Andover today; Andover 3 - Wilbraham 0 (26-24,25-11,25-21) Exeter 3 - Wilbraham 0 Andover 2 - Exeter 3 (23-25,25-21,25-23,20-25,9-15)

Andover started VERY slowly against Wilbraham, immediately going into a 0-4 hole and 4-10 deficit when Thayer Anderson provided a spark from the service line to bring Andover to within 8-10; Andover's Evan Park provided a similar and even bigger run upon the side-out giving Andover now a 15-12 advantage. Tied at 15-15, Ollie Chernyk served Andover ahead to 19-15. Wilbraham inched back to tie it at 24-24, but Andover managed to hold the tide and take the first set 26-24. The second set was never in doubt. Right off the bat Ollie Chernyk served Andover to a 7-1 lead. Up 14-9 Evan Park stepped to the service line and rattled off 8 service points for a 23-9 advantage, closed out at 25-11. For the third set Wilbraham gained some steam early on, pulling ahead 3-0, and 5-2. Austin Tuan's serves regained Andover the lead from 4-6 to 8-6, and Thayer Anderson followed suit gaining Andover a 12-7 advantage. After that it was consistent team play and Andover closing out the match at 25-21, and 3-0 in sets. Team stats highs: Evan Park, 18 assists, serving 20 for 20 Ollie Cherny 4 kills hitting 18 of 20 Austin Robichaud 4 kills hitting 8 of 9, blocking 5 of 7 Brendan Deorocki 8 stuffs blocking 15 of 16. Thayer Anderson digging 55 of 58.

An EPIC battle between the Phillips Academies
At home on May 9, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Trimatch hosted at Andover today; Andover 3 - Wilbraham 0 (26-24,25-11,25-21) Exeter 3 - Wilbraham 0 Andover 2 - Exeter 3 (23-25,25-21,25-23,20-25,9-15)

Exeter beat Wilbraham 3-0, which set up a show-down of an Andover-Exeter rematch from 2 weeks ago when Exeter beat Andover 3-0 at Exeter. The match started with Exeter gaining a 4-1 lead. Thayer

Anderson served Andover even at 7-7, but Exeter pulled away agin to 7-13. Ollie Chernyk served Andover to tie it at 14-14. Thereafter the team traded points and side-outs until Andover took a slight advantage at 19-17, and 20-18, but Exeter grabbed the momentum for a 22-20 lead. Andover managed to hold on tight to tie it at 23-23, but Exeter forced a side-out and taking the first set at 25-23. The atmosphere was electric, points were hard-fought, and the neither team made it easy for the other. Switching sides Andover served first and would have a point advantage throughout, preventing Exeter from tying the score, holding them at arm's length even though they kept getting their jabs in just enough to inflict damage that would have team Andover needing to regroup and fight back. Andover's defense kept getting better and better defending the hard hits, and Exeter got wise to Andover's roll shots and tips. The second set ended with Andover ahead 25-21 tying the match at 1 a-piece. The third set was stunning; it was as if Andover could do no wrong - digging balls that even Zeus would have thought should hot the floor, and blocking Exeter 3, 4 times for one point forcing Exeter to volley multiple times. Andover forged an amazing 19-6 advantage, shutting down Exeter who were playing well - but not well enough. Not until they made a run for a come-back; down 11-22 Exeter served the ball successfully to gain 6 points for a 19-22 deficit. Andover was up 24-20 when Exeter AGAIN managed to make it interesting defending three set points, but Andover managed to side out on a terrific block by Brendan Deorocki. Wow, Andover ahead 2 sets to 1. Both sides playing FANTASTIC volleyball, a match a coach can only dream about - AWESOME. Though Exeter jumps to a 3-0 lead in the fourth Andover manages to tie it at 7-7. Exeter jumps to a 5-point lead at 13-8. Andover manages to reduce that deficit to 4 points twice more at 15-19, and 20-24, but Exeter holds on for a 25-20 win and forcing a 5th set. That 5th set belonged to Exeter the entire way, but Andover did not roll over and played HARD and WELL. Exeter wins 15-9. What an EPIC, great match. Team stats, the high scores: Evan Park 26 assists, serving 13 of 13, defense 19 of 23 ! Austin Tuan 10 kills, hitting 21 of 27, 1 ace serving 15 of 18 Ollie Chernyk 8 kills hitting 42 of 50 (!), 2 aces serving 26 of 28 Brendan Deorocki 8 stuffs, BLOCKING 23 of 28 (WHAT!!!!!) Thayer Anderson digging 59 of 65. A tremendous thank-you to the parents for their loyal support and the MUCH APPRECIATED gatorade and food. Thank you to our loyal fans who cheered and smiled. Andover prepares for the New England Prep School tournament hosted at Wilbraham Monson Academy next Saturday.

NEPSAC Boys Volleyball
At Wilbraham on May 16, 2015 at 10:45 AM

Wilbraham, Choate and Andover round robin of two-set matches to play in to the semifinals versus Exeter and NMH: CHO-WM 2-0 AND CHO 1-1 (26-28, 25-22) AND-WM 0-2 (25-27, 24-26) Semi:NMH beats WM, EXE beats CHO Final:EXE beats NMH 3-2 for the champi

In the first match versus Choate, Andover came out strong going ahead 4-0, though allowed Choate back in at 5-6. The set tired at 6, at 9, at 10, at 11 Choate pulled ahead to 20-13 advantage but Andover did not give up and in three rotations, especially on Tom Johst's 6 consecutive service points managed a come-back to 23-22. Andover could not convert on 24-23, defended a set-point at 25-26, did not convert on 26-25, and lost 26-28. In the second set against Choate, Brendan Deorocki served Andover into a 9-3 lead on 7 consecutive service points. Although Choate tied the set at 18-18, Andover wrested a 1-1 tie with a 25-22 win. Team stat's - the highs: Austin Robichaud 6 kills, hitting 15 of 15 Brendan Deorocki 2 aces serving 12 of 13, blocking 6 of 6. Evan Park 15 assists Thayer Anderson digging 11 of 14, 2 aces serving 10 of 12. Andover next played Wilbraham Monson. Except that we started really slowly and down 0-3, 1-4, again Brendan served us back into the match at 4-4. WM pulled ahead and Andover tied it at 7-7. Austin Tuan pulled out of his funk and served Andover ahead 12-7. Andover was still ahead at 14-9 but Wilbraham kept inching back eventually tying it at 18-18. Anode er again went ahead 20-18, but then gave up a side-out and 4 service points to see the lead dwindle away 20-23. There Anderson served Andover back into contention at 22-23, Andover managed to tie the set at 24-24, defended a set-point and tied it at 25-25 but Wilbraham edged ahead to win the first set 27-25. The second set started much like the first, Andover pulling ahead and Wilbraham tying it 5-4,5-5,6-5,6-6. Andover would go ahead at 9-6, even 12-8, but then give up a run going down 12-15. At this point Wilbraham clutched on to their lead. It was in this run that Andover was robbed of its momentum by a call that should not have been made which, alas, earned this author a red card for bad behavior, my apologies to all - the theatrics almost worked. Tom Johst served Andover back into the game from 18-22 to 21-22; Austin Tuan served Andover into the lead from 21-23 to 24-23 - Wilbraham sided out the play and served two to win the set. That win secured Wilbraham an entry to the semi-finals. Team stats - the highs: Austin Tuan 6 kills hitting 13 of 14, 1 ace serving 12 of 14 Brendan Deorocki 2 stuffs blocking 4

for 4 Evan Park 14 assists Thayer Anderson digging 14 of 17 an early exit for Andover, though not without showing the league how far this team has come this season. Thank you to all the fans who have supported us, especially the parents and family friends who have cheer us on and fed us during the breaks. Andover has one more week, preparing for the final match of the season - another one hosted at Exeter as part of the schools' Andover/Exeter Saturday.

Exeter (league champs) trumps Andover at A/E
At Exeter on May 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM

For the final match of the season Andover traveled north to Exeter for the two schools' spring competition wrap-up. Exeter defeats Andover 3-1 (16-25, 25-21,25-14,25-23).

The first set saw the two teams trade points and side-outs through 5-5. Andover managed a run on Evan Park's 6 service points going into the lead at 14-8. Andover managed to hold onto that lead through 20-15 when Andover's Thayer Anderson served Andover to a 24-15 advantage. One side-out and Andover takes the first set 1-0. The second set saw Exeter gain momentum and some line-up changes. While Andover sided out the ball through 6 rotations without gaining any service points, at least they held Exeter to only 3 service points in the same time frame. Andover finally scored two service points supporting Evan Park, gaining ground to a 8-9 deficit. Andover held ground to tie the set at 13-13, but then Exeter scored a side-out and 3 consecutive service points for a 17-13 lead. Trading side-outs again Exeter held Andover off keeping the advantage at 21-19, and finally going ahead to tie the match at 1-1. In the third set, Andover, trying a 6-2 rotation and getting more seniors in for the final match of the season, experienced nerves and miscommunication. Although still close at 6-5 Exeter then pulled away closing out the third set at 25-14. The fourth set saw closer competition again, the two team trading leads 7 times before a 10-10 tie. Although Exeter pulled ahead 13-10 and 17-13, Andover tied the set at 21-21, 22-22, 23-23, never quite gaining enough traction to pull ahead. Alas the season ended on Exeter scoring the next two points for a 3-1 win. A well-played match, with some superb hard hits from both sides, some of which were blocked or defended for spectacular ups. The coaches are extremely proud of the development of this squad, 6 newcomers supplementing the 8 returners, at least 3 varsity athletes who prior to March had barely touched a volleyball. The goal all season was to peak by the tournament - we missed that goal by one week, peaking early against Exeter, losing to the eventual league champion 2-3. One would be hard-pressed to find a more diverse group of boys on another varsity team, learning to play as one unit. An opposing coach complimented the Andover squad as being the best defensive team in the league and one with the most spirit. While we ended the season with a 3-7 record, we are left with images of hard-fought and well-laughed-at battles in practice, demonstrating moments of volleyball that could be compared to high-level competition of NCAA, and then we let a ball drop ... While there are no hard facts to back this up, in my twenty years of coaching this team may have made the biggest improvement in one season. Many, many thanks to the 8 seniors: especially co-captains Thayer Anderson and Ollie Chernyk, Brendan Deorocki, Tom Johst, Achindra Krishna, Jason Jin; we are grateful and proud of Austin Robichaud and Dane Wagner for trying their hand at this sport for the first season and laud their accomplishments. We are also very grateful to the parents who traveled to so many of our games, provided snacks and gatorades, cheering support from the stands, and through a camera lens. Thank you to the managers AB, AB, and ES, for managing and for sharing your playing expertise. Thanks of course also go to the whole athletics complex staff, setting up the net (and taking it down for the anxious BBallers), scheduling matches, scheduling transportation, and the trainers for keeping us healthy. My gratitude goes out to assistant coach TH, as well as the JV coaches VS and SB - it takes a village ... 7 varsity returners next year. What will spring of 2016 bring?
without showing the league how far this team has come this season. Thank you to all the fans who have supported us, especially the parents and family friends who have cheer us on and fed us during the breaks. Andover has one more week, preparing for the final match of the season - another one hosted at Exeter as part of the schools' Andover/Exeter Saturday.

Andover's Revamped Roster Sets Sight on Championship

By Anjunae Chandran
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover Boys Volleyball battled its way through a rocky transition period and finished last season with a 3-6 record.

Despite an unpromising record, Andover qualified for the New England Championships at the end of the season. The team fell 3-2 to a talented Northfield Mount Hermon team in the first round after dropping the first two sets.

The players still have high hopes for this year.

Returner Achindra Krishna '15 said, "Our season just didn't come together, and it's tough, but we'll turn it around this year."

The team has been practicing since the first day of Spring Term, and although training is tough, morale is high.

Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith said, "Preseason is going great. 27 people tried out on Tuesday for the Varsity and JV teams – a healthy mix of Seniors through Juniors – leaving us with hope for a strong showing this season as well as a solid core for the future."

Volleyball graduated six Seniors including Co-Captains Alexander Tamkin '14 and Ji Tae Park '14. The team also lost valuable players Kade Call '14, Alex Kwon '14, Irviandra Gusman '14 and David Seokjun Yoon '14.

Although these integral players have graduated, Beckwith maintains his hope for this season. "[I say] only positive things about this year's team," he said.

Co-Captains Oliver Chernyk '15 and Thayer Anderson '15 look to fill the shoes of the departed Seniors.

Chernyk said, "I am honored and excited to be a Captain. Hopefully, I can be someone the team can rely on from both a playing and leadership perspective."

The Captains hope to lead with their work ethic and communication, as well as influence the team in a positive way.

The Captains' upbeat attitude

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Returner Mika Lee '16 serves the ball.

Newcomer Isaac Blackburn-Johnson '18 said, "Coach Beckwith is critical to the success of our team. He knows a lot about volleyball and is an amazing guy. All the incoming [Juniors], like myself, are elated to play and are pretty good. Even the incoming players who have not played volleyball before show progress. Also, Chernyk and Anderson are really awesome and have been helping me improve. They cheer us up every day by showing team spirit."

the team this season.

He said, "Our eyes are always on championships. We feel like we can win it all this year."

The team has yet to solidify its lineup, but it plans to make final cuts before its season opener next Wednesday against Central Catholic.

Preseason preparation will be critical in building team chemistry and ensuring Andover's success. After a mediocre season last year, Andover is hungrier than ever for a strong

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Boys Kick Off The Season with Promise

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Andover	1
NMH	3
Andover	3
Choate	2

Stepping up to the service line, Oliver Chernyk '15 fired off a serve that blazed past Choate's players and landed in the corner of the court, sealing Andover Boys Volleyball's narrow 3-2 victory on Saturday.

This win avenged Andover's close 3-1 loss to Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) earlier that day, kicking of a 1-1 start for the season.

Andover fell short against NMH due to the relative inexperience of its players and the absence of three formidable starters.

After being overpowered by NMH for the first two sets at 25-19 and 25-23, Andover closed out the third set 25-21 to force a fourth set. NMH rallied back to take the fourth set 25-21.

Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith said, "The fact that we lost to NMH doesn't surprise me. They had people that were just huge up front, so we have to outsmart them. Our strategy became to play our volleyball and not get affected by their volleyball. They just threw the ball down. As the game progressed we... adjusted our defense."

Despite the outcome of the first game, Beckwith's positive outlook motivated his players to pull out a win against Choate.

Andover overpowered Choate in the opening of the first set, grabbing a 14-5 lead. Choate bounced back quickly, turning the momentum of the set in its favor and staving off multiple set points to take the first set 29-27.

Andover pulled ahead once again in the second set 7-3. After Choate came back to close the gap, Co-Captain Thayer Anderson '15 smacked multiple precise serves to secure a 14-6 advantage. This eight point lead would carry Andover to a 25-19 win in the second set.

Andover dropped the third set 25-19 despite being neck and neck with Choate early on, tying the score 8-8.

Down 1-2, the pressure was then on for Andover to win both of the upcoming sets in order to win the game.

The fourth set proved to be the most intense of the matchup. The set had frequent momentum changes with both Choate and Andover battling it out on the court.

Choate began the game with a 12-8 lead, but Andover rallied to tie the game at 12-12. Both teams continued to trail each other until the game was tied 23-23.

Once again, Anderson proved to be a formidable player, serving the team to a 25-23 win and a 2-2 tie in sets. It was up to the final fifth set to decide the match.

In the final set, Beckwith had Austin Tuan '17 serve at the beginning of the set to match up Dane Wagner '15 against Choate's number one offensive threat. This strategy worked in the opening of the set, with Tuan racking up five aces.

"Tuan got his more aggressive serves... which definitely made a difference," said Beckwith.

Thanks to this offensive momentum, Andover picked up an 8-5 lead that propelled it to seal the set 15-13 and the game 3-2.

With this promising season start, Boys Volleyball looks to continue building team chemistry during practice and developing offensive strategies that will help the team win more decisively.

"[My goal for the season] is to break .500, peak at the end of the season, have fun and, if it's possible, win the tournament," said Beckwith.

Andover forges on in its Championship quest in its next away game against Phillips Exeter Academy on Saturday.

Boys Falter Against Rival Exeter

By Anjunae Chandran
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Andover	0
Exeter	3
Andover	3
Wilbraham	0

Jumping up on the line, Austin Tuan '17 tipped a ball past one of Phillips Exeter Academy's largest players to score his third kill of the match. Despite Tuan's offensive prowess, Andover fell to Exeter 3-0 away on Saturday before defeating Wilbraham and Monson Academy (Wilbraham) by default.

Saturday's matchup marked the third time in a row that Exeter has toppled Andover since last season.

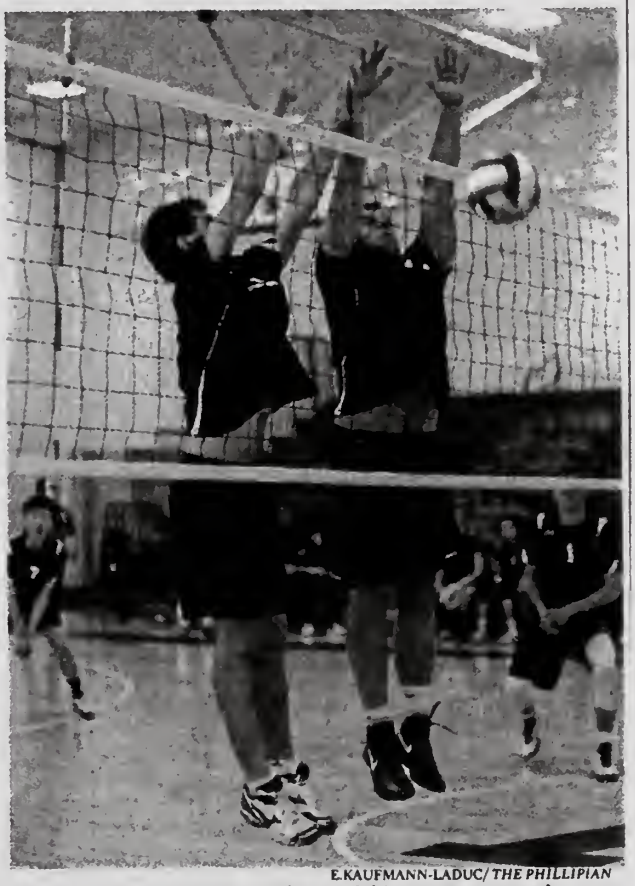
Thanks to its skilled team comprised of three seniors and four juniors, Exeter performed excellently. Exeter's massive blockers and talented spikers outperformed the relatively unseasoned Andover team.

"Our team is still learning. They've only been together for a few weeks now," said Head Coach Clyfe Beckwith.

Realizing its lack of experience compared to Exeter, Andover was still optimistic going into the game. The excitement and pressure that comes with every Andover/Exeter game built up as fans took their seats and the setters, spikers and blockers took their places on the court.

The first set for the teams started out evenly with Andover and Exeter trading side-outs. Despite Co-Captain Thayer Anderson '15 digging 27 of 34, Exeter found its offensive momentum and had four consecutive servers score five, five, four and three points in a row. This immaculate serving won Exeter the first set 25-12.

Andover came back hitting hard in the second set with a different rotation. This changeup caught Exeter off guard, giving Andover the opportunity to pull ahead 12-5 and then to 15-10. The nine of nine serving performance from Jerry Yang '17 also bolstered Andover's lead.



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Andover's frontline kept up with a much bigger Exeter squad.

Andover could not latch onto this upward momentum and faltered, winning a mere three points to Exeter's ten to trail Exeter 18-20. Executing under pressure, Andover once again pulled ahead 21-20.

Exhaustion set in and Exeter's huge players wrested control of the game to bring the score to 21-24. In a last ditch effort, Andover pulled closer with 23-24, but lost the set 23-25 to give Exeter the 2-0 advantage going into the third set.

Andover did not allow for itself to get discouraged in the third set. Tuan motivated himself and the team by continuing his consistent play, hitting 15 of 17.

Even with many of Andover's players stepping up, Exeter took control of the third set. After two rotations, Exeter led 9-4. Brendan Deorocki '15 had one stuff and blocked five of eight to try to keep Andover in the contest. Despite his efforts, Exeter led 17-12 after six rotations.

This lead was enough for Exeter to coast to a 25-15 win, closing out the game 3-0. Exeter dealt Andover its second loss of the season, putting the team at 2-2.

Newcomer Evan Park '18 praised the leadership of his Captains. He said, "Anderson and [Co-Captain Oliver Chernyk '15] didn't call anybody out for doing anything bad during the game and had great insight in each huddle. They focused on the positive, and because they're great volleyball players, they had good advice."

The Co-Captains look to continue their positive example as they foster team chemistry and technical skills in practice, preparing to avenge the loss two weeks from now when the two teams meet again.

Andover will travel to Choate this Saturday to face off against Northfield Mount Hermon and Choate in hopes of capturing its next win.

Andover Sweeps Wilbraham

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Andover	3
Wilbraham	0
Andover	2
Exeter	3

In the middle of an intense Andover/Exeter rivalry battle, Co-Captain Oliver Chernyk '15 jumped up into the air and spiked the ball to score one of his eight kills in the match against Phillips Exeter Academy. Andover Boys Volleyball swept Wilbraham & Monson 3-0 and lost to Exeter 2-3 in the tri-match on Saturday.

Andover won against Wilbraham despite a relatively close first set. The team had a lethargic start and went down 0-4 and then 4-10. Co-Captain Thayer Anderson '15 stepped up and dug 55 of 58 during the match, providing the energy needed to bring the set within two points.

Feeding off Anderson's inspiring play, Evan Park '18 had a great serving performance, bringing the score to 15-12 and serving 20 of 20 during the match. Chernyk also served well, bringing the set to 19-15 in favor of Andover.

Wilbraham wouldn't go down without a fight and eventually closed in on Andover's lead. The score of the set was 24-24, but Andover eked out the win in the first set 26-24.

Brendan Deorocki '15 contributed eight stuffs and 15 blocks which allowed Andover to convincingly win the second set 25-11.

In the third set, Wilbraham jumped out to a 5-2 lead. Unfazed by Wilbraham's lead, Austin Tuan '17 served Andover to an 8-6 lead. The teams traded points, and Andover was able to close out the set 25-21 and the match 3-0.

The next match was agai Exeter. Exeter had previou beaten Andover 3-0, but Ando was motivated rather than d couraged by the loss. The mat began with a 4-1 lead for E eter, but Anderson and Chern served the team to ties at 7-7 a 14-14, respectively.

The two teams traded sic outs until Andover grabbed t advantage 19-17 and then 2 18. Shortly thereafter, Exe snatched the momentum fr Andover and amassed a 22- lead. Andover's teamwork lowed it to tie the set at 23-23, b Exeter forced a side-out and to the first set 25-23.

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In the fifth set, Exeter held t lead the entire time, ending t set at 15-9. The match ended 3 in favor of Exeter.

Park defended 19 of 2 Chernyk had 8 kills and 42 of hits and Deorocki blocked 23 28 against Exeter.

Tuan said, "Everyone w moving together as a unit, whi is something that we've strugg before to do, and out of all of o games, we probably played wi the best coordination that day."

Andover will prepare for t New England Prep School Tou nament, which will take place Wilbraham & Monson Acaden next Saturday.

Andover Suffers Costly Loss Against Wilbraham

By Anjunae Chandram
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Co-Captain Thayer Anderson '15 splayed himself across the floor and barely dug the ball out of the air against Wilbraham & Monson Academy, helping his team secure a point and earning one of his 25 digs at the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council volleyball tournament.

Andover played two sets against Choate and Wilbraham each during a round robin before the tournament in order to determine the third and fourth seeds for the semifinals. Unfortunately, Andover tied with Choate 1-1 and fell to Wilbraham 2-0, knocking Andover's team out of the competition before reaching the tournament.

Against Choate, Andover came out firing. The team went ahead 4-0 early in the first set. Anderson's 11 of 14 digs, two aces and 10 of 12 serves during the entire match kept Andover energized. After Choate pulled back to 6-5, the set became more even, and the two teams traded points until Choate quickly pulled away and gathered a 20-13 lead.

Within three rotations and the help of six consecutive points on serve, Andover was able to bring the score back to 23-22 and then 24-23. After this, Andover was given two opportunities to finish off Choate but was unable to capitalize on its leads. Andover defended one set point but then lost the set 26-28.

In the second set, middle Brendan Deorocki '15 served the team to a six point lead with seven consecutive points off the serve. The score was 9-3 in Andover's favor. During the entire match, Deorocki had two aces, 12 of 13 serves and 6 of 6 blocks. Though Choate was able to tie the match at 18, Andover succeeded in tying up the match 1-1 with a 25-22 win in the second set. A main contributor to the win was middle Austin Robichaud '15, who turned in a flawless 15 of 15 hits and six kills.

The second match was against Wilbraham, who Andover beat earlier in the season. Andover started off the match down 0-3 and then 1-4. Deorocki was on top of his game, however, and served the game back to 4-4.

Outside hitter Austin Tuan '17 served up a 12-7 lead for his team, serving 12 of 14 with one ace, six kills and 13 hits overall. Despite his performance, Andover slowly lost its lead, and the game was tied again at 18-18.

Andover's hard work fell apart as Wilbraham pulled ahead and secured the lead at 23-20. Fighting for a semifinal spot, Anderson served back to 24-24 and then defended the set point to tie the game again at 25-25. Wilbraham just barely grasped a 27-25 first set win.

The second set began like the first, with the game tied at 5-5. Andover was then able to pull ahead, 12-8, in part due to Evan Park '18, who had 29 assists in the tournament.

Later, Wilbraham brought the score back to 15-12 and took hold of the game. At this point in the game, Tom Johst '15, an opposite, and Tuan served the game back to 24-23. The game could have gone either way. In an intense period of play, Wilbraham forced a side out and served two points to snatch the game out of Andover's grasp. The final score of the match was 2-0.

The early exit for Andover in the group stage was not reflective of the team's form. Co-Captain Oliver Chernyk '15 said, "The tournament was a really tough way to go out. We had some unlucky breaks and obviously didn't play up to our potential. Coming in, we felt like we had a good shot on winning it all. On the other hand, we've got a chance to redeem ourselves playing Exeter this upcoming weekend. On the whole, I'm really proud of how the guys fought."

Andover will be playing Phillips Exeter Academy in the traditional Andover/Exeter rivalry on Saturday, May 2.

Boys Fall Against Exeter In Season Finale

By Anjunae Chandran
PHILLIPIAN SPORTS WRITER

Andover 1
Exeter 3

Co-Captain Oliver Chernyk '15 leapt into the air, spiked the ball down onto Phillips Exeter Academy's court and saw the crowd jump into the air cheering. Andover played its final game against Exeter at the tri-annual Andover/Exeter Weekend. Although Andover had high expectations coming into the match, the team lost to Exeter 3-1 and finished the season with a final record of 3-7.

The atmosphere was charged for the third and final meeting between the teams. In the two previous meetings, Exeter had won by 3-0 and 3-2 margins.

In the first set, Andover came out firing. Both teams traded side-outs and points until the score was 5-5. Andover's Evan Park '18 served his team up a six-point lead, continuing his streak of exceptional serving performances.

Exeter battled back, but Andover stayed strong and held the score at 20-15. Then, the team held its lead with Co- Captain Thayer Anderson '15 serving and brought the score to 24-15. Andover secured the first set and the 1-0 lead with a score of 25-15.

In the second set, Exeter changed its line-up and fought back. Andover didn't gain a single service point while siding the ball out through six rotations. The team kept Exeter within three points, however, and Park stepped his game up once again and earned the team another two points on the serve, bringing the score to 9-8 in favor of Exeter.

"We came out hot and started strong with a dominant first set. In the second, we lost steam and never really came back," said Austin Robichaud '15.

Exeter scored a side out and then quickly scored three points, bringing the score from 13-13 to 17-13. Exeter followed up its burst by trading side outs with Andover until it won the set 25-21.

In the third set, Andover suffered from miscommunications, and Exeter quickly capitalized. It quickly took the set from 6-5 to 25-14, bringing the overall match score to 1-2.

The fourth proved to be far closer. The two teams traded leads seven times before a 10-10 tie. Exeter then leapt ahead to grab a 17-13 lead, but Andover fought its way back into the game. The score was brought to 21-21, 22-22 and then 23-23. Exeter then grinded out the next two points and won the set 25-23 and the match 3-1.

Park said, "It was a competitive game. We didn't get the result we wanted or the season we wanted, but this was a good way to end the year. I'm proud of this team and how we played."

Andover Boys Volleyball ended its season with a record of 3-7. With seven returning players, the team will look to climb back above .500 next season.

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Co-Captain Thayer Anderson '15 bumps the ball.

Sport: Girls Water Polo

Year: 2015

Captains: Kelley Xia & Sasha Newton

Coach: Dan O'Shea

Assistant Coach: Amanda Washington
& Amy Shoemaker

SEASON RECORD

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LETTER WINNERS

Al-Mayahi, Sarah
Gearan, Jessica
Hagler, Michaela
Im, Clair
Newton, Sasha
Rodriguez Pagano, Alexa
Sagay, Elliot
Ty, Allyson
Xia, Kelly

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
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1A/19	Chatson, Emma	2018	North Andover, MA
1/6	Dear, AnnaMaria	2016	Lawndale, CA
2	Donchi, Emma	2018	Portland, OR
3	Al-Mayahi, Sarah	2017	Lynnfield, MA
4	Xia, Kelly	2015	Weston, MA
5	Sweetser, Katherine	2017	North Andover, MA
7	Wei, Gwyneth	2017	Hong Kong
8	Gearan, Jessica	2018	Lynnfield, MA
9	Ty, Allyson	2018	North Andover, MA
10	Bhakta, Alisa	2016	Irvine, CA
11	Hagler, Michaela	2016	Andover, MA
12	Im, Claire	2015	Seoul, KOR
14	Norris, Kelsey	2016	Salem, NH
15	Ren, Serena	2018	Hong Kong
16	Teo, Ashley	2017	Singapore
17	Newton, Sasha	2016	Lafayette, CA
18	Rodriguez Pagano, Alexa	2016	New York, NY
20	Radebold, Rebecca	2018	Guilford, CT

Coach: Dan Oshea
Assistant Coach: Amy Shoemaker, Amanda Washington
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Girls Waterpolo Schedule
Spring 2015

Record 3-10

April 4, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. Williston	H	Loss	5-6
April 4, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Loomis	H	Win	5-4
April 8, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	H		
April 11, 2015 at 2:00 PM	Game vs. Williston	A	Loss	3-4
April 15, 2015 at 3:45 PM	Game vs. Suffield	A	Loss	10-11
April 18, 2015 at 3:30 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	Win	13-8
May 2, 2015 at 4:30 PM	Game vs. Loomis	A	Loss	4-7
May 2, 2015 at 6:00 PM	Game vs. Choate	A	Loss	2-7
May 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Game vs. Exeter	A	Loss	6-14
May 9, 2015 at 1:30 PM	Game vs. Deerfield	H	Win	4-3
May 9, 2015 at 4:00 PM	Game vs. Hopkins	H	Loss	0-9
May 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM	Play In	Did not Qualify		
May 16, 2015 at 10:15 AM	Tournament			

Andover Embarks on Championship Defense

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Reigning NEPSAC New England Champions, Andover Girls Water Polo has started its training with a splash as it prepares for its upcoming season, coming from last year's 9-3 record.

Last season, despite being seeded third, the team went all the way to be crowned Champions against Choate in a nailbiting 8-7 victory. The team will have its sights set on defending its Championship title.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, returner Michaela Hagler '16 wrote, "I think overall we need to keep our passing and communication in the pool as tight as possible in order to win the Championship again."

The team lost half of its starting lineup and will be looking for the newcomers to step up to achieve its goals.

The team will miss the excellent leadership and superb offensive prowess from Co-Captains Kait Simpson '14 and Lauren Conte '14, as well as the skill of Harshita Gaba '14 and Corinna Torabi '14.

The largest obstacle the team must overcome is its lack of a goalie. Last year, Andover graduated stalwart Jen Powers '14, leaving a void in the lineup that needs to be filled.

Despite these setbacks, Head Coach Dan O'Shea has high expectations for fresh faces and expects to be impressed.

He said, "Every year I have brand new players that have never played before who always step up in a big way."

Unlike years past, the team did not do any kind of preseason. It began its tryouts the first day back from break and will continue through the week.

Since many Water Polo players also competed on the swim team, O'Shea felt it was more beneficial for the girls to get some rest after a long swim season.

O'Shea said, "Many of the swimmers would have been on tapers and getting back in the water wasn't going to be feasible. To do some kind of workout of skill set and then have a break for two weeks wasn't going to allow it to sink in."

The team will consist of many swimmers, which brings advantages and disadvantages.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Sarah Al-Mayahi '17, member of the swim team and returning Water Polo player, wrote, "Since many people trying out are swimmers, many people are super fast in the water and that's definitely an advantage in a water polo game."

There are marked differences, however, between swimming for speed and swimming for water polo, which may pose a challenge for the team to overcome.

O'Shea said, "The hard part is trying to teach a swimmer how not to swim like a swimmer. There is a completely different style of swimming in water polo. Trying to teach that and trying to adapt their strokes can be a little bit tough."

Even though the team did not have any preseason training, it has a significant amount of time to prepare before its first match.

O'Shea said, "We have pretty much a full two weeks of practices ahead of the first game, so it's not like in past years where I had three days of practice and then a match. I don't think [not having a preseason] is going to affect us".

The team will hit the pool for its first matches on April 4, hosting Williston, Exeter and Loomis, looking to start off its quest to Championships on a high note.

String of One-Goal Games Bodes Well for Rest of Season

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Andover	2
Exeter	3

Facing a tough string of opponents, Andover Girls Water Polo avenged a 6-5 loss to Williston by defeating Loomis Chaffee 5-4 on Saturday, before falling to Exeter 3-2 on Wednesday.

Starting season with a 1-2 record, team members have been pleased with their strong performance, even after graduating many key members of the starting line last year.

Sarah Al-Mayahi '17 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "In the first game, it took us a bit of time getting used to playing with each other. We all are really great friends, but we've never actually played together."

Andover battled the defensively strong Williston in its season opener. Blocking 14 of Andover's shots, Williston's goalie posed a challenge that Andover was ultimately unable to overcome.

Andover pressed forward on offense, outshooting Williston two to one. Williston's goalie went on to block 18 shots in the team's next game of the day against Exeter. On Saturday alone, the Williston's goalie blocked 90 percent of shots she faced.

Head Coach Dan O'Shea said, "In water polo, it really comes down to one player having an amazing day. Looking at all the other statistics, we had them beat on every other form. Our offense was stronger, our defense was stronger and we caused more turnovers than they did, so on paper we should have won the game but their goalie had an incredible day."

The girls did not let their loss to Williston during the season-opener game discourage them during the rest of the day.

Anna Dear '16 wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "Our team did really well in keeping a good attitude and not letting our loss against Williston affect our playing."

Facing off against Loomis, Dear, a new goalie, stepped up her game. She blocked 14 shots and had a .85 save percentage.

"That game would have looked a lot different if it weren't for the fact that [Dear] saved all those shots," said O'Shea.

As time ticked down in the fourth quarter with both teams neck and neck on the scoreboard, Sasha Newton '16 executed a precise pass to Al-Mayahi, who fired off a shot and found the back of the net, securing a 5-4 win for Andover.

Newton wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "In our second game, I think we did a better job of anticipating changes of possession and being aware of where the ball was."

The team racked up a total of 27 steals across both games on Saturday, demonstrating the strength of Andover's defense.

In preparation for Exeter, Howie Kalter '07, Assistant Coach of the Andover Boys Water Polo, ran a shooting clinic for the girls.

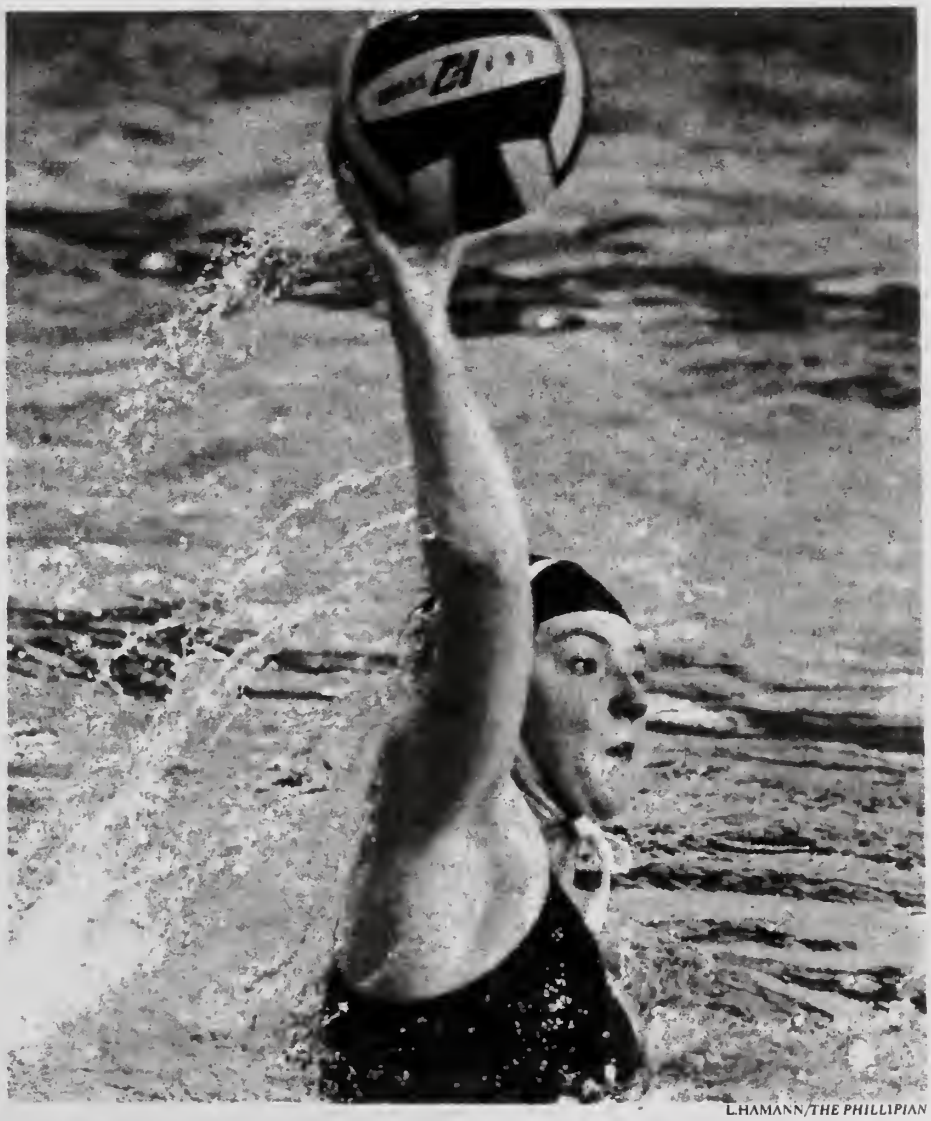
O'Shea said, "We needed to have a more coordinated offense when we played Loomis this weekend, which we couldn't do until the fourth quarter, but luckily our defense was so good that it wasn't too late. We had to do that early against Exeter and come out hard. Exeter is a tough game, and we had to work on shooting."

Despite the extensive practice, Andover's offense came up short against Exeter and struggled to outscore its rival. Many Andover players had effective drives and shot attempts but had trouble finishing the plays.

Andover's defense, however, proved itself to be a great asset to the team during the game against Exeter.

"I am absolutely thrilled with the low scoring nature of both of our games this weekend. It showed me that our defense is where I want it to be. It is absolutely playing out the way it needs to be," said O'Shea.

Andover will look to rally its offense in preparation for a rematch at Williston on Saturday.



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Sasha Newton '16 played an instumental role in Andover's win against Loomis.

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Andover Flounders in One Point Losses

By Sarah Al-Mayahi
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Andover	3
Williston	4
Andover	10
Suffield	11

Despite strong efforts, Andover Girls Water Polo came up short with two losses this week against Williston and Suffield. The team now holds a regular season record of 1-4 and is in a four-way tie for fourth place in its league.

Head Coach Dan O' Shea said, "The big thing I want the team to realize is how well they really are playing. Our record does not reflect how well we have played. Every single game has come down to a one point game, and that is unheard of in water polo".

In its game against Williston, the team's offensive momentum suffered from a loss of players and an extended playing period. Ultimately, the team fell 4-3, suffering its second loss to Williston this season.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Co-Captain Sasha Newton '16 wrote, "One great thing about our game was that we improved a lot on offense. Previously, we had been getting bunched up, but against Williston especially, we did a great job setting up the umbrella on offense and not stopping shot off the two-meter and five-meter marks".

Soubi Im '15, a starting player, was sick during the game, so the team rotated through players to fill her place. Newcomer Jess Gearan '18 stepped up, filling a void for the team and performing strongly.

Gearan wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "I was nervous the first few minutes that I played, but it soon went away. My teammates were helpful in the water, and I just focused on applying everything I had learned in practice."

O'Shea said, "[Gearan] had never played in a Varsity setting before, and she played nearly seven full quarters of play because the game went to overtime, and then it went to sudden death. She stayed with it the whole game, and she did a fantastic job."

The next challenge that the team faced was Co-Captain Kay Xia's '15 ejection from the game after committing a foul in the fourth quarter. This became an apparent problem when the game was extended to seven quarters because of a tie, which then led into sudden death.

O'Shea said, "If it was any other game and that was happening, whether we were losing significantly or winning significantly, that wouldn't have been a big deal. It was the fourth quarter, there were two minutes left and we lose a player by fouling out. Normally, I wouldn't care, but we ended up playing three more quarters beyond that, so it ended up being a really tough situation."

The team suffered another close loss on Wednesday against Suffield, ending with a final score of 11-10.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Sarah Al- Mayahi '17 wrote, "It was a tough loss. They came out strong and for most of the game they were ahead by three. At one point, we tied them, but they came back again and took the lead."

Goalie Anna Dear '16 turned in a strong performance, blocking 18 shots out of 29 Suffield attempts, one of which was a penalty shot.

Newton '16 netted seven goals, and Xia, Al- Mayahi and Alexa Pagano '16 each scored one goal of their own.

O'Shea said he feels confident in the team's ability to improve throughout the season.

"The big thing that they need to focus on is that they are playing well, and what they are learning is really coming through. It's really starting to shine," he said.

Andover Girls Water Polo looks to claim its second win of the season at home on Saturday against Deerfield.

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Alexa Pagano '16 beats her defenders to the ball.

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Quick Start Leads to Definitive Victory

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Andover	13
Deerfield	8

Hungry for a win after a two-game losing streak, Andover Girls Water Polo plunged into the pool for a 13-8 victory against Deerfield on Saturday, raising its record to 2-4.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Co-Captain Sasha Newton '16 wrote, "On Saturday, we showed great improvement. I believe that the biggest factor in our improvement was in our heads, our mindset. Previously, we had been playing well but lacking the intensity to be a threat from the beginning of each game. This game, we came out with the intensity and the desire to win right away, and the results were incredible."

Andover opened the game with an aggressive mentality, dominating on offensive and defensive fronts.

By the end of the first half, the team had racked up 11 points to Deerfield's zero, thanks to goals from players who had not previously scored this season.

The defense only gave up four shots in the first half, working together in an effort to pressure Deerfield's offense. Goalie Anna Dear '16 saved them all, sealing the team's first half shutout.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, defensive player Alexa Pagano '16 wrote, "I think I was most successful at keeping a heavy press on Deerfield on Saturday. They were a tough team, ready to fight back, but our strong defense shut them down."

With a newfound energy, Deerfield surged back in the second half to score eight points.

Regrouping during a timeout, Andover buckled down to keep the lead, scoring two more goals by the time the buzzer sounded to clench a 13-8 win.

By the game's end, Newton had netted seven of her 11 shot attempts and Pagano, Miranda Im '15, Alisa Bhakta '16, Sarah Al-Mayahi '17 and Allison Ty '18 all found the back of the net as well.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Al-Mayahi wrote, "When I score, I feel like all of my hard work has paid off - not only mine, but my teammates' hard work as well. Without them, I wouldn't be able to score. Without the rest of the team making smart plays, there wouldn't be any opportunities for goals in general."

Andover's resounding win over Deerfield demonstrates a newfound team chemistry. New players and seasoned returners have begun to practice and play together as a unit.

"All the new players have been putting a lot of effort into practice, but the returning players have definitely been a huge part in learning the sport. They motivate us and make us feel like we are a big part of the team," wrote newcomer Jess Gearan '18 in an email to The Phillipian.

Head Coach Daniel O'Shea wrote in an email to *The Phillipian*, "We're starting to see some big improvements in our newest players, and they are starting make some good things happen. Ty has already scored three goals this season. Gearan has found herself starting in two games and was first off the bench in a third. Emma Chatson '18 has shown herself to be a driven goalie and is looking to improve every single practice. And that's just to highlight only a few of the things happening with our new players."

With over a week until the team's next game, the girls hope to improve on small technical skills and game strategies to elevate their level of play.

Coach O'Shea said, "This is an off week for us. The name of the game at this point will be conditioning, reviewing tapes and learning plays."

The team faces high stakes in its upcoming matchups against Choate and Loomis next Saturday, which will determine its ranking.

"Loomis is one point ahead of us in the league standings, and Choate is currently undefeated and ranked first. Both our games are need-to-win," Coach O'Shea said.

Girls Solve Deerfield's Defense in Close Win

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Andover	4
Deerfield	3
Andover	0
Hopkins	9

In its last weekend of competition, Andover Girls Water Polo countered the adversity it faced with high spirits and resilience, toppling Deerfield 4-3 before falling to Hopkins 9-0 on Saturday in its 2015 season finale. After this weekend, the team's final record stands at 3-8.

Andover opened the day strong against Deerfield, boosting the team's confidence when it won a tight match that called for Andover's full focus.

"We were all very excited that we won against Deerfield. It was a close game, but our efforts paid off," said Jess Gearan '18.

Andover was challenged by Deerfield's defense and quickly had to restrategize in order to turn the tide of the game in its favor.

"With Deerfield, we saw a very determined team that came out ready to play. They had a very strong defense with a good crash, and getting around that turned out to be difficult. To beat Deerfield, we had to become more aggressive on offense, and we did it in the second half," wrote Head Coach Daniel O'Shea in an email to *The Phillipian*.

Andover faced a dominant Hopkins team next and was unable to capitalize on the momentum it built against Deerfield. Andover had trouble stopping Hopkins' counter attack and making up for the early loss of Co-Captain Sasha Newton '16 in the game.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Co-Captain Kelly Xia '15 wrote, "We faced a tough match against Hopkins this weekend. Newton fouled out in the first few minutes of the first quarter. This was frustrating to deal with, but our bench players really stepped up and we still managed to play a coherent game."

Andover used the opportunity presented by its matchup against a much stronger Hopkins team to prove its tenacity.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Michaela Hagler '16 wrote, "Some of the positives that came out of this weekend were that we showed we were able to keep fighting through a tough game, such as Hopkins. I think we also showed our character as a team with our final play during the Hopkins game when we made a human wall to protect one of our players. Even though the play didn't work out, we were able to laugh and still have a good time despite the hard loss."

In a disappointing end to the season, the reigning New England Champions did not have enough wins to qualify for Championships, cutting its season short.

Although the team did not have the record it hoped for, Coach O'Shea and the players are proud of the season and the improvements the team has made.

During the team's last game, and finished off the season on a positive note.

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Senior Soube Im '15 has led the team with her tenacity and grit.

In an email to *The Phillipian*, Emma Donchi '18 wrote, "My personal favorite memory was after our last game when Coach [O'Shea] talked to us. He told us how proud he was to be able to coach our team. I felt really lucky to be a part of that special moment."

After four seasons coaching, Coach O'Shea will be graduating another group of talented girls who have grown with the team.

The Seniors on the team this season have significantly impacted their teammates, setting an example of mental grit and an infallible work ethic.

"I've been at Andover for four seasons now, and this group of Seniors are definitely special to me. broke the 13 year New England title-drought, and they helped shape the culture of the entire program. I'm very proud of them," said Coach O'Shea.

Despite losing talented players, the team still has young talent that will develop and be a strong foundation for seasons to come.

Coach O'Shea said, "We're in a great spot for next season. The girls have worked so hard this year and have shown a tremendous amount of dedication and desire to learn. Our starting line is by and large going to remain intact and is only going to improve. We have a tremendous goalkeeper and a very eager bench."

Although Girls Water Polo's season was brought to an early end, it is looking forward to being a strong

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